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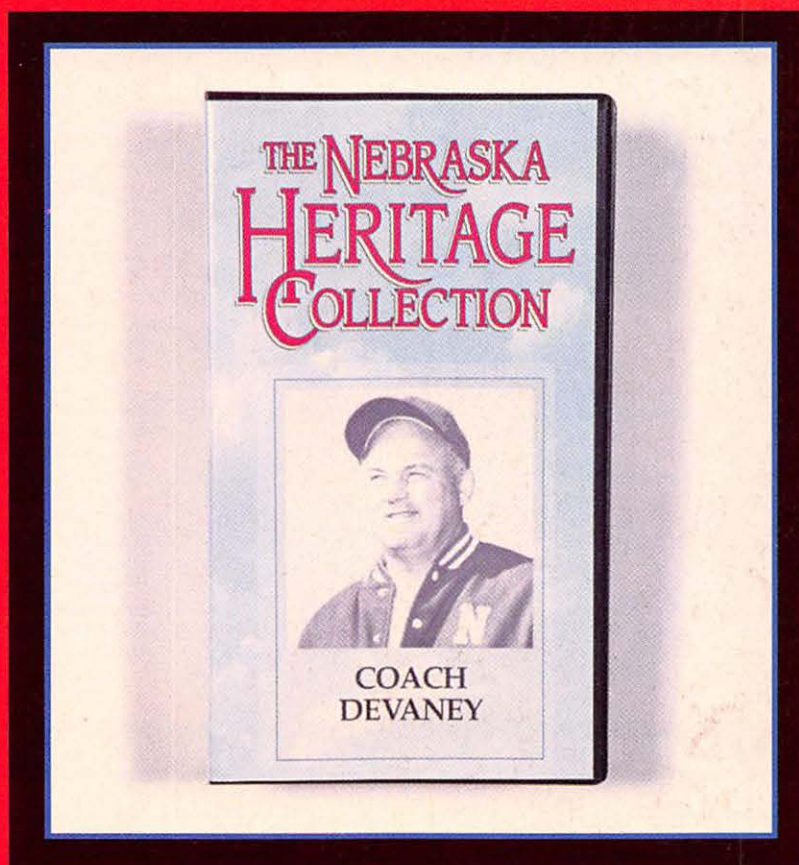


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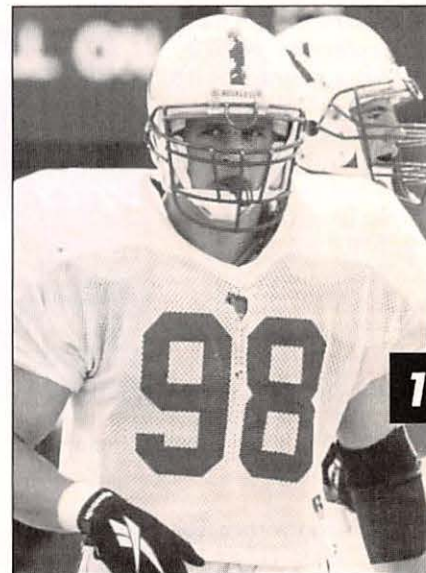
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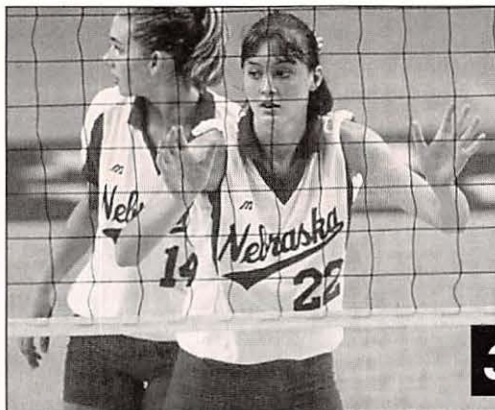
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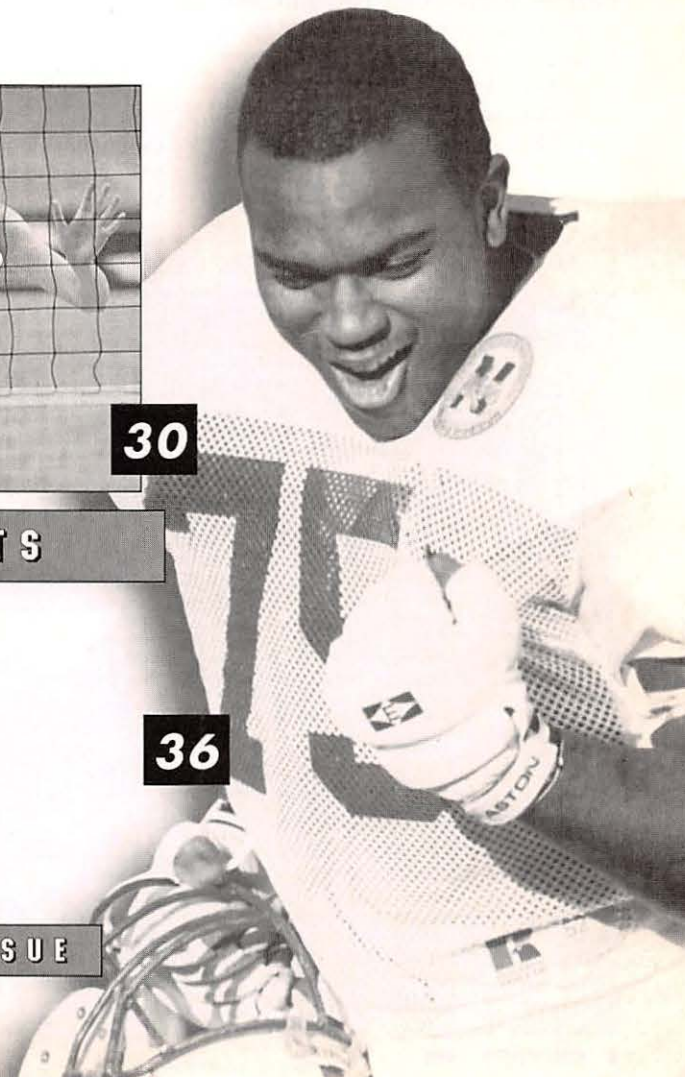
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LETTERS

I have enjoyed your "Best of the Best" series. As a native of Staplehurst, Neb., I was disappointed not to see Elmer Dohrman mentioned with number 36. He still holds the record of 11 letters in three years, three in football, basketball, baseball, and two in track while achieving very high academic success. He also was very successful in business.

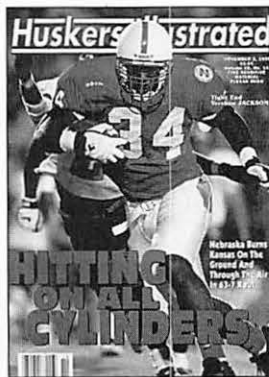
Edgar J. Hoemann
Mesa, Ariz.

Someone other than Scott Frost on the cover. I can't believe my eyes. Granted it's probably easier to get shots of the quarterback and running backs, but it's also nice to see other players on the cover. I'm sure Vershan Jackson was as excited as I was. How about an offensive lineman next week?

Timothy Carney
Baton Rouge, La.

Too bad Trev Alberts hasn't been healthier. I think he would make a great United Way video spokesman. He is truly one of the last of the nice people in professional sports. It was super to see him trying to give back to the university with his sponsorship of a NASCAR vehicle.

Trudy Campbell
Omaha, Neb.



The answer to your question, "Why Doesn't Nebraska Recruit Many Fullbacks?" is easy — they don't need to. Why spend a scholarship on a position that you have 10 big-time athletes in the state willing to walk on to do. As a former fullback, I can tell you that it is one of the truly demanding positions on the team. All guts no glory.

For Nebraska to reward some of these guys later in their careers with a scholarship is one of the reasons Tom Osborne is the best coach in the country.

Kent Padron
Springfield, Ill.

Why is it that every week when I turn to the statistics page, the defensive stats for the season seem to change so much? One week Grant Wistrom had 22 tackles after six games and then after a seven-tackle effort against Kansas he had 38.

Simple math tells me something is wrong with this scenario. Help.

Jill Palmer
Macon, Ga.

Each Saturday we update the season statistics based on a player's performance that weekend. But on Monday, after coaches review film, sometimes the numbers will change. A player may have been credited with 11 tackles, but is then listed as having 13. — Editor

I think Adrian Fiala needs to be more aware of how he sometimes sounds. The latest example is his attempt to sound like a concerned observer regarding the educational opportunities afforded these poor athletes with limited outlets. His criticism of the higher academic standards adopted by the Big 12 being in the best interest of the athletes is ludicrous. His one and only concern is for a winning program at UNL. By his own statement in that column "Warming Up To The Big 12," athletes who don't qualify at a Big 12 school will get in somewhere else (the fairness of athletic scholarships and the treatment of athletes in general is another huge can of worms), thus his point of limiting opportunities is irrelevant.

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Soccer Team Captures Big 12 Regular-Season Title

The fifth-ranked Nebraska women's soccer team completed a perfect season of conference play with a 2-0 win over Texas Tech at Lubbock, Texas. It was Morneau's third goal of the weekend and eighth goal in Nebraska's previous five games.

The Huskers were able to overcome what Nebraska coach John Walker described as "terrible playing conditions." Freezing rain, a biting wind and a slippery field were not enough to prevent the Huskers from closing the first season of Big 12 Conference soccer with a 9-0 record. The Huskers improved to 17-0 overall and remained the only unbeaten and untied team in Division I-A.

Freshman striker Isabelle Morneau scored the game winner for the Huskers at the 60:00 mark to give Nebraska

Goalkeeper Becky Hornbacher helped preserve NU's 10th shutout.

Jon Waller



Freshman Sharolta Nonen added an insurance goal at the 75:00 mark to seal Nebraska's 17th-consecutive win.

Husker goalkeeper Becky Hornbacher recorded four saves to preserve NU's 10th shutout of the season.

"It was a real battle," Walker said. "It was good for us because we just had to put our heads down and grind it out."

Nebraska, which clinched the Big 12 regular season title with a 2-1 win at Baylor the day before, earned the No. 1 seed in the Big 12 Conference soccer championship. NU will receive a first-round bye and open tournament play begins on Nov. 9 at the Anheuser-Busch Conference and Sports Centre in St. Louis, Mo. ■

Corrective Vision

Missouri, which once regularly held its own with Nebraska, needs to find that "Eye of the Tiger" to make the series more interesting

This is "Old Gold and Black" week, which means the Missouri Tigers are coming to town. To any football fan younger than the age of 30, who has followed Big Eight football (and now the Big 12), this prospect does not seem particularly interesting or threatening. There is no anxiety about playing Missouri because, for the past few years, the outcome has been in as much doubt as the sunrise.



**By
ADRIAN
FIALA**

Step back into the cauldron of Big Eight football history, however, and you will find that the sinister "Old Gold and Black" Missouri Tigers put some heavy hits on the Huskers.

There was a time when Missouri games left the Big Red a little black and blue.

I got my first taste of what the Nebraska-Missouri rivalry meant my freshman year. We went down to Columbia for a Friday afternoon freshman battle and came away a 14-7 loser. I'll never forget when the varsity arrived and saw we were behind . . . they started in on us. Coach Bob Devaney came over to the sideline and gave us a good piece of his mind. I was playing strong safety at the time.

We called our defense for the next play, and then we broke the huddle. I called out the offensive strength to each side of the defense, only to find that when I looked over at our right cornerback, he wasn't there. I called a timeout, and we got another cornerback into the game.

I found out later that the missing corner was sitting on the bench, sort of mumbling to himself. When one of the coaches told him to get back in the game, he was adamant about staying where he was. "No way I'm going back out there. Those (expletive) are beating the (expletive) out of me!" he said.

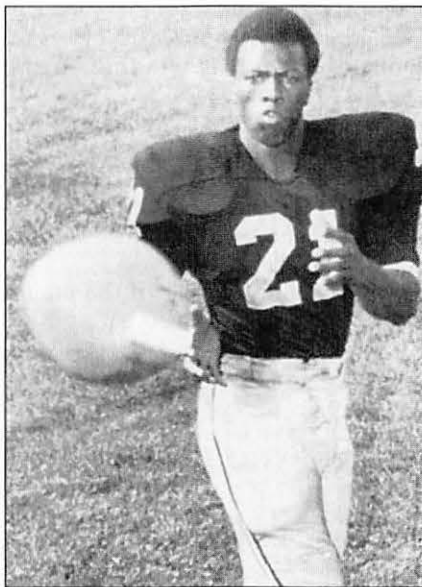
If one had to characterize the intensity of the Missouri-Nebraska football relationship, the above anecdote would about do it. After play-

ing Missouri, you felt like you played football with baseball bats.

We lost that freshman game, and little did we realize at the time that things would not go so well against the Tigers, after we became varsity players.

Actually, it started the next day, when the varsity struggled to a come-from-behind, 16-14 victory. The next year, we won easily, 35-0, but then we hit a stretch where we lost three in a row to the Tigers.

It's really hard to believe that could happen, given the recent history of the series.



University of Missouri

Behind Mel Gray, the Tigers beat Nebraska in 1969 and shared in the Big Eight title.

Missouri was coached at the time by Dan Devine. He always had his teams well-prepared. He went on to a not-so-lustrous career at Notre Dame and, eventually, coached the Green Bay Packers in the National Football League. Devine and Devaney, who had been assistants together at Michigan State, battled it out almost every year. Dan won four times. Bob won five.

Usually, it was the following Tuesday before all the bumps, aches

and pains were gone. Missouri had some great talent then: wide receiver Mel Gray, quarterback Terry McMillan, running back Joe Moore, defensive back Roger Wehrli and defensive tackle Rocky Wallace. All of those players were chosen to Missouri's All-Century team. When you look at the talent Missouri had back then, as well as in more recent times, it makes you wonder how they got to where they are today.

The loss in 1969 was particularly tough because it was the Big Eight opener for both teams, and we were coming off a 6-4 season, with a fourth-place finish in the conference the year before. We all wanted to get back into the conference race and win the championship.

We played the game in a driving rainstorm at Columbia. The Tigers struck early. On the first series, McMillan hit a speeding Gray down the east sideline at Faurot Field, on a pass play that went 69 yards for a touchdown. Gray had three speeds: fast, faster and "Take me to warp factor one, Mr. Sulu." We lost 17-7.

We won the rest of our games, however, and were conference co-champions with Missouri. Because the Tigers had beaten us, they went to the Orange Bowl, where they lost to Penn State. We went to the Sun Bowl and demolished Georgia 45-6. Missouri was sixth in the final rankings. We were 11th.

Missouri hasn't had a winning season since 1983. Since the golden years, the Tigers have been through five head coaches. Fan support has dwindled. The program has suffered from a lack of talent, inconsistency and rumors of split loyalties between the Kansas City and St. Louis alums. It's almost as if the Show Me State has turned into the I Don't Know Me State in college football.

While the Tigers continue to search for the "eye" they lost some time ago, one can only hope for a couple of things: that Missouri does, indeed, pull itself up, and that fans realize and appreciate what Nebraska has accomplished. ■

Needing Time To Grow

Given the same amount of growing time that was afforded to Frazier and Gill, maybe Frost will live up to the high expectations placed on him

First, a little recent history related to the Nebraska-Missouri series.

Any doubt about Turner Gill's ability to handle the pressure of playing quarterback at the major college level was eliminated on a late-October afternoon in 1981 at Faurot Field in Columbia, Mo. (I'm not suggesting there ever was any doubt. It just makes this a little more dramatic.)



By
**MIKE
BABCOCK**

Nebraska had won three in a row after a 1-2 start and was ranked 15th by the *Associated Press*. Missouri was coming off its only loss in six games. The Tigers were ranked 19th.

Gill, a sophomore, started for the third consecutive week, following an auspicious debut against Colorado in which he tied a school record by throwing four touchdown passes.

Missouri's defense went after the young quarterback, blitzing down after down. With 2:36 remaining in the fourth quarter, Nebraska had a first-and-10 at its own 36-yard line. The game was scoreless.

In the next two minutes by the game clock, Gill directed the Cornhuskers down the field. Three times he completed passes good for first downs during the series. He teamed with wingback Irving Fryar for 13 yards, and he connected with split end Todd Brown twice, for gains of 24 and 21 yards.

The 21-yard pass play took the ball to the Missouri 4-yard line. Two plays later, fullback Phil Bates took a hand-off from Gill and crashed into the end zone — only 23 seconds remained. The extra-point kick failed. But that was of no consequence. Six points were enough for the Nebraska victory.

Eleven years later, to the day, Tommie Frazier started at quarterback for the first time as a **Asked to follow a legend (Frazier), Frost has been unfairly criticized in his first season.**

Cornhusker. The opponent that afternoon also was Missouri. And the game was played at Faurot Field.

Frazier was impressive in leading No. 8 Nebraska to a 34-24 victory against a Missouri team that had lost five of its first six games. He completed 9-of-20 passes, with no interceptions, for 157 yards, and he carried 14 times for 77 yards and three touchdowns, on runs of 3, 7 and 5 yards.

From then on, except for the eight games in 1994 when he was sidelined by blood clots, Frazier was the starter. He set the standard by which Cornhusker quarterbacks now are measured.

Now the present, as Nebraska looks to extend its winning streak against Missouri to 18.

Scott Frost is eight games into his career as a quarterback at Nebraska. He approaches the task with the same energy and determination that he had at the beginning of the season. Or so it seems.

You have to wonder if the junior from Wood River, Neb., isn't grow-

ing weary of the second-guessing and the sometimes thinly disguised implications, often in the form of reporters' questions, that any offensive problems the Cornhuskers have had this season are somehow related to him.

Frost has been compared ceaselessly to Frazier, arguably the best option quarterback ever to take snaps at Nebraska. And he has been found lacking, which should come as no surprise, if for no other reason than comparing the two is essentially the same as comparing raw materials to a finished product.

Though it must seem like an eternity to him in some ways, Frost has less than a season's worth of experience, while the Frazier to whom he has been compared was a fourth-year starter.

Frost spent two seasons at Stanford. And he went through two springs and a full season at Nebraska before taking his first snap against Michigan State in September. But he started more games at strong safety than quarterback when he was at Stanford. And practice isn't anything like a game.



Michael Chow

Considering that, Frost has been held to a standard no other Cornhusker quarterback has met, not Frazier and not Gill. Because neither of them had to step right in, much less follow someone who had achieved unprecedented success at the position — and, in many ways, redefined it.

Gill played on the freshman-junior varsity team his first year at Nebraska, then waited while Mark Mauer and Nate Mason tried to earn the starting job in the first four games of 1991. Gill didn't become the starter until he was ready, and until he told coach Tom Osborne he was.

Frazier chafed as a backup to Mike Grant through the first five games of his freshman season before getting the start at Missouri. He saw limited action in three of those five games.

The potential for greatness was immediately apparent when Frazier took charge. But his development wouldn't have been a straight line ascending on a graph. Nebraska lost the fourth game he started, 19-10 at Iowa State. Unlike Frost, however, Frazier wasn't asked to shoulder the blame for a team failure.

Much of the criticism of Frost this season has been a result of selective memory. Those who have been quick to find fault with him have forgotten, or simply refused to acknowledge, that both Frazier and Gill needed time to reach the level of performance for which they are now remembered.

Frazier completed 44-of-100 passes for 727 yards and 10 touchdowns with only one interception as a freshman. He was 37-of-85 for 637 yards and seven touchdowns in the six games he started.

Frost completed 44-of-93 passes for 595 yards and four touchdowns, with two interceptions, in his first six games. Frazier as a freshman was more productive, but the numbers are comparable.


Beyond that, however, is the point of all this. Based on his freshman season, there were questions about Frazier's ability as a passer. He wasn't even close to completing 50 percent of his passes until his senior season, in fact, when he was 92-of-163 for 1,362 yards and 17 touchdowns. Yet Frazier finished with more touchdown passes (43) than any quarterback in Cornhusker history.

And that's the standard to which Frost has been held. ■

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Toppling The Tigers

Following a loss to Missouri in 1969, Nebraska wouldn't fall to the Tigers again during Rodgers' college career

During my football playing days at Nebraska, Coach Dan Devine had a very dominating team at Missouri. The Tigers had been whipping Nebraska regularly.

They had beaten Nebraska in 1967 and 1968, playing with the tenacity of pit bulls. Devine would line up all 11 defensive players on the line of scrimmage and then rush everybody except the defensive backs, who would guard receivers man-to-man. This approach was meant to scare the offensive players to death, and it seemed to work. The last-minute blitzes kept teams from thinking about the pass.

In those days, Devine's teams had the only defensive backs who could cover one-on-one. I thought their defensive backs were stunningly skillful. The whole team of Tigers could put on such an overwhelming rush that if they didn't sack the quarterback, they at least made him rush his passes, which, more often than not, turned into interceptions.

Nebraska played at Missouri in 1969, in the first Big Eight game for each team. Richie Glover, Willie Harper and Daryl White and I were freshmen at Nebraska, and we were nearly inseparable friends. We drove down to Columbia for our first game against Missouri, to scout the team and to see what we would be facing the next three years on the varsity. No sooner had we sat down in our seats than the Tigers were on the scoreboard. The first time they got the ball, quarterback Terry McMillan threw a 69-yard touchdown pass to Mel Gray, the fastest receiver I had ever seen.

Missouri beat us that day, 17-7. But it was going to be for the last time in a while. It was a long drive

home to Lincoln, but we had a lot to talk about. We wanted to be a winning team, and watching Missouri, we realized what it would take. So we worked out even harder than we had before.

In 1970, when we were sophomores, Willie, Richie and the Black Shirts stole the show from the Tigers, holding them under 100 yards rushing. Joe Orduna had a great day rushing. Jeff Kinney caught a touchdown pass, and I managed to score on a 48-yard punt return with three minutes left in the game to seal the deal, 21-7.

Missouri's defense was tough, but ours was tougher. Coach (Tom)

University of Nebraska



**By
JOHNNY
RODGERS**



After witnessing a loss to Missouri as freshmen in 1969, Daryl White (above) and Rodgers made sure they wouldn't lose to the Tigers during their years.

Osborne (then an assistant) was calling the shots from the press box, and with his creativity and Coach (Bob) Devaney's poise, we were on our way to our first national championship.

In 1971, we were all over the competition like butter on popcorn. We had the talent, the coaching and the public relations. We were the best team in college football. We finally were doing what Missouri had been doing to everybody else, and Don Bryant, the sports information direc-

tor, knew how to tell the world about it. He was the best sports information director in the nation.

When I asked Harper, an All-American defensive end, what he remembered about the 1971 game against the Tigers, he screamed: "Rush the passer! We held Missouri to just 113 total yards, and the Tigers didn't even get 10 yards rushing in 1971. Joe Moore was a big, tough guy and a hard runner, but we shut him all the way down."

In reminiscing with White, an All-American offensive tackle, about the Missouri game in 1971, White said, "We wanted to make a statement against Missouri. The Tigers had shut us out in the first quarter, but we won, 36-0 ... shut them out good.

The offense rushed for over 300 yards. We passed for another 200-plus yards, for a total offense of over 600 yards, with no sacks or interceptions."

We were rockin' and rollin' all the way to our 15th straight win.

Unfortunately, the team took a turn in 1972, and I played against Missouri for the last time. We had dropped our season-opener to UCLA and shot ourselves in the foot. Glover, our All-American nose guard, gave the game talk that day, so it was short and to the point. "No more mistakes, be aggressive, stop the run and sack the quarterback ... and score big."

By 1972, Nebraska was being recognized as one of the highest-scoring teams in the nation, and although it was quite a defensive battle for a while, we beat Missouri, 49-0.

That meant in our three seasons on the varsity, we beat the Tigers by a combined score of 106-7.

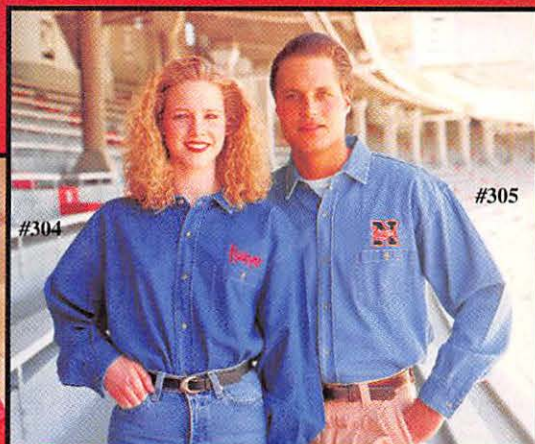
Nebraska was, and still is, a team that can do it all: run the option, with a controlled passing attack. Osborne's teams have proved that over the years. I hope Tom doesn't forget that he brought the pass to Nebraska by creating the spread offense. It sure seems like it sometimes. ■

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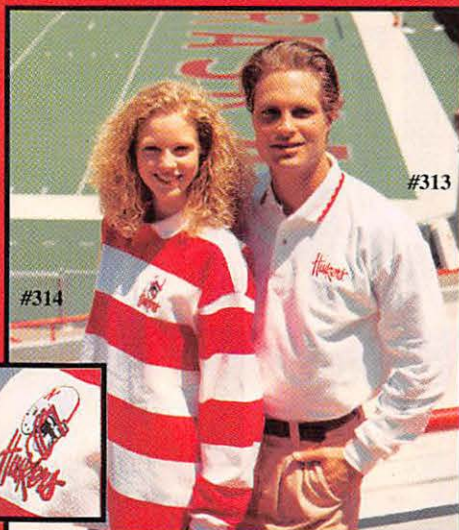
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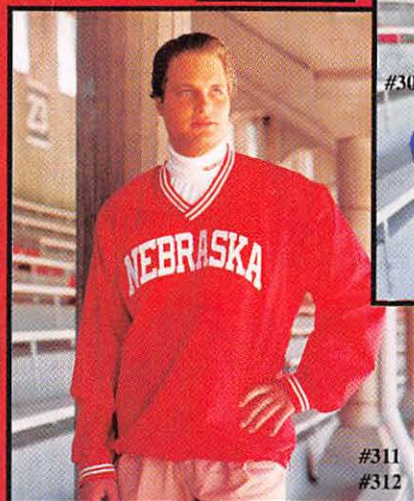
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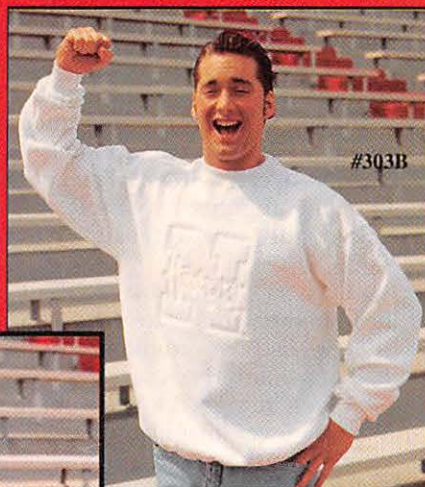
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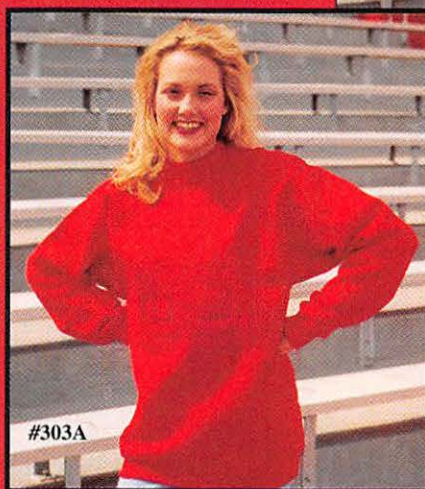
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Early in the fourth quarter of Nebraska's season-opening, 55-14 victory against Michigan State, Charlie McBride asked Steve Warren if he wanted to go in the game and play. "I guess so," said Warren, who was one of the few Cornhuskers without his name on the back of the No. 85 jersey he wore.

Warren, a freshman defensive tackle from Springfield, Mo., was one of two Nebraska players listed at No. 85. The other was T.J. DeBates, a redshirted tight end from Stewartville, Minn.

McBride reminded Warren that by deciding to play he would be agreeing to give up a potential red-shirt and would be using a season of eligibility, even if he never played in another game.

While Warren considered what McBride had said, Nebraska's defensive coordinator started to walk away. For an instant, Warren thought his answer to McBride's question hadn't mattered.

But McBride suddenly turned and told him to check into the game.

Barely a month after reporting for practice, Warren was playing. And he was overwhelmed. The coaches kept the alignments simple. "They called only one defense," Warren said.

Even so, "I think maybe I put my head in the wrong gap at least once."

He also was credited with one-half of a quarterback sack.

When he signed a letter of intent, Warren never imagined he would be playing in the opening game of his freshman year at Nebraska. He never imagined he wouldn't be playing, either.

"I really didn't know," he said. "Coach (Ron) Brown told me I'd have a pretty good chance right away, but I wasn't sure. It didn't matter to me. Whatever the coaches thought would be best."

Nebraska never promised Warren, a high school All-American and SuperPrep's Midlands Defensive Player of the Year, an opportunity to play as a true freshman. Most other schools that recruited him did. Some even tried to entice him by saying he could become a starter in his first collegiate season. He was skeptical of those. If a program could offer something like that, "how good could it be?" Warren thought.

Warren took recruiting visits to Kansas and Illinois. After visiting

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The Tigers have had trouble recapturing their glory days because many of the Show Me state's best players have elected to play elsewhere including Nebraska

by Mike Babcock



Nebraska, he canceled trips to Kansas State and Alabama. Even though Springfield is only a two-hour drive from Columbia, Mo., and the University of Missouri campus, the Tigers weren't included on his recruiting short list.

Not that they weren't interested.

"They hounded me a little bit," said Warren. "I didn't take an official recruiting visit because I had already been there a couple of times unofficially, on my own."

He and Jeff McCracken, a friend and teammate at Springfield's Kickapoo High School, visited on a

weekend in December and went to a Missouri basketball game. The two were a tough sell.

Missouri was among the schools that suggested he could start as a freshman, Warren said. But "Jeff and I both wanted to get out of Missouri. All they (at Missouri) talked about was rebuilding. They hadn't showed they were trying to change. They said they were. But they weren't."

McCracken, a linebacker, settled on Iowa, where he is redshirting this season. He makes the road trips, however, and practices with the second team, according to Warren. The two talk regularly.

Kevin Tucker, another friend who played at rival Parkview High in Springfield, did accept a scholarship from Missouri. The 5-foot-9, 175-pound running back is sitting out a medical redshirt.

Despite Springfield's proximity to Columbia, according to Warren, none of the three felt significant community pressure to attend Missouri, which has the state's only

was old enough to remember, his family had moved to Missouri.

From his experience, at least, the state's young football players don't necessarily grow up wanting to become Missouri Tigers. Basketball players, on the other hand, often do. "It's different," said Warren. "There's pressure for them to stay in state." And the best usually consider Missouri.

Whether or not Warren's attitude was typical of the attitudes of many of the top high school football players in the state, it provides a possible explanation for why Missouri football has fallen on hard times in recent seasons. Not all that long ago, the Tigers were successful and played in bowl games. But they haven't had a winning record since 1983, Warren Powers' next-to-last season as head coach.

In 13 seasons since then (counting this one), Missouri has had three head coaches besides Powers, a Cornhusker halfback (1960-62) and assistant coach (1969-76) who was recruited by former Nebraska head coach Bill Jennings and his staff out of Lillis High School in Kansas City, Mo.

Powers coached seven seasons at Missouri. The Tigers had winning records every season but Powers' last, and they played in five bowl games. Missouri fans were dissatisfied with Powers, however, and he was replaced by Widenhofer in 1985. Widenhofer, a Tiger football letterman in 1964, survived four losing seasons before giving way to Bob Stull, who lasted five. Larry Smith arrived in 1994.

Missouri hasn't defeated Nebraska since Powers' first season in 1978, when the Tigers came to Lincoln for the regular-season finale and upset the second-ranked Cornhuskers 35-31.

Nebraska has 17 consecutive victories against a Missouri program that for a time gave the Cornhuskers more trouble than any former Big Eight opponent except Oklahoma. Bob Devaney's teams lost four of 11 to Missouri — coached by Dan Devine, with whom he had been an assistant at Michigan State, when he began at Nebraska and Al Onofrio when he finished. Three of Tom Osborne's first four teams lost to Onofrio's Tigers. After the 1978 upset, Osborne's record against Missouri was 2-4.

Osborne has always maintained that Missouri should be a perennial

power because of its population base and the fact that it has the only Division I-A football program. The Tigers have two major metropolitan areas in-state from which to recruit: Kansas City and St. Louis.

Missouri's population of some 5.3 million is considerably greater than that of any of the former Big Eight-area states. Colorado's is a distant second, with just over 3.7 million. Nebraska, of course, is far and away the least populous state in the Big 12, at approximately 1.6 million. By comparison, Texas has a population of nearly 19 million, more than 10 times Nebraska's. The consolation is,

Cornhusker lettermen from Missouri during the Tom Osborne era (years lettered)

Carrolltown, Mo.

***Joel Cornwell, QB (1991-92)**

Chesterfield, Mo.

Brent Evans, LB (1980-82)

Chillicothe, Mo.

Ardell Johnson, DB (1972-74)

Flat River, Mo.

Donnie Bess, LB (1980)

Kansas City, Mo.

***Jacques Allen, WB (1995)**

Earl Everett, WB (1974-76)

Lorenzo Hicks, DB (1986-88)

#Bruce Pickens, CB (1988-90)

Chris Spachman, DT (1984-86)

Brad Tyrer, DE (1984-86)

***Freeman White III, SS (1989)**

Oak Grove, Mo.

Tom Banderas, TE (1985-87)

St. Louis, Mo.

Lorenzo Brinkley, LB (1991-93)

Randy Theiss, OT (1980-82)

#Kenny Wilhite, CB (1991-92)

St. Joseph, Mo.

Mike Rucker, RE (1995-present)

Springfield, Mo.

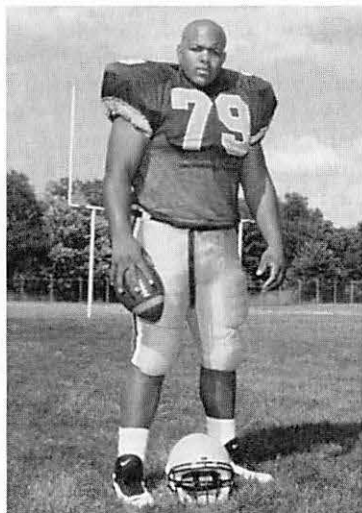
Kevin Parsons, LB (1983-96)

Webb City, Mo.

Grant Wistrom, RE (1994-present)

*indicates walk-on

#junior college transfer



Tom Osborne has had great success in plucking some of the best talent including Grant Wistrom (left) and Steve Warren (above) out of the state of Missouri.

NCAA Division I-A football program. If anything, "people in Springfield were happy" that he picked Nebraska, he said. "It's almost like they'd rather see you go someplace else, actually."

Even though he grew up in Springfield — he was born in Lawton, Okla. — he has never been to a Missouri football game. He was an Oklahoma fan. That had nothing to do with his being born in Oklahoma, however. By the time he

the number of Division I-A football programs in Texas is commensurate with the state's population.

In addition, the passion for high school football in Texas has made it a recruiting stop for most major college programs. There are plenty of outstanding players to be had in the Lone Star State.

That's also the case in Missouri, though to a lesser degree. If the university's football program could keep a majority of the state's best players at home, it would have a

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Nebraska has attracted several outstanding players from Missouri during Osborne's tenure as head coach. Grant Wistrom, the Cornhuskers' junior All-America candidate at rush end, is from Webb City, Mo., of course. And his back-up, sophomore Mike Rucker, is from St. Joseph, Mo.

Warren is one of three from Missouri in this year's scholarship recruiting class. Dan Alexander, a fullback, is from Wentzville, Mo. David Webber, an offensive lineman, is from St. Louis.

The 6-foot-1, 240-pound Alexander had the best performance index score and the second-lowest percentage of body fat (5.7) among this year's incoming freshmen. He defeated Webber in the heavyweight division finals of the Missouri state high school wrestling championships.

The 6-foot-3 Webber weighed in at 285 pounds when the Cornhusker freshmen were tested and measured. He was the second-heaviest. Warren was the first, at 288 pounds.

Alexander and Webber are sitting out redshirt seasons. Warren might have been. Until McBride came to him on the sideline in the fourth quarter of the Michigan State game, he had no idea what his playing status for this season would be.

Nebraska's lack of depth at defensive tackle created the opportunity for Warren, who has been third on the depth chart, behind senior Jeff Ogard and sophomore Jason Wiltz since then.

The speed of the college game made the biggest impression on Warren, who figured he had sufficient strength to play immediately — he was the Missouri high school champion in the shot put, with a school record best of 55-7 1/4. "College football is a lot more mental and intense," said Warren. "Your technique has to be perfect, or it at least has to be good. In high school, it was: 'Just go find the ball.'"

Playing in Memorial Stadium that first time was "amazing," Warren said. "I loved every minute of the game. Even when I wasn't playing, I was smiling every moment."

The next week, Warren moved his pads to a varsity locker and got a new jersey number. Glen Abbott, the equipment manager, "asked me if I wanted No. 96 or No. 94," said Warren.

He picked jersey No. 96, which also has his name on the back. ■

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SCOUTING



By Mark Derowitsch

Missouri Coach Larry Smith promises he won't use gimmicks when he tries to guide the Tigers through the final month of the football season, even though it promises to be the toughest 30 days for the team this fall. And why would Smith resort to trickery when what Missouri has been doing has worked well in three of its past five games? The Tigers, after opening the year with two straight losses, won three of five games before losing last week to Colorado, the first of two consecutive opponents ranked in the top 10 nationally.

Missouri got on track by beating Clemson, and has also posted victories against SMU and Oklahoma State. Only losses to Iowa State, Kansas State and Colorado spoiled Missouri's recent performance.

Missouri's task will be more difficult in coming weeks, though. The Tigers travel to Lincoln, Neb., to take on two-time defending national champion Nebraska at 1 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Despite the schedule, don't expect to see the Tigers do anything different than what they've done in the recent past.

"The best thing we can do is take the confidence we have right now from

our (game against Oklahoma State), and the fact that in the last eight games we're 3-5," Smith said. "From there on out, it's a matter of doing what we do best and not try to go outside and put in all new stuff for people because they're good and ranked in the top 10."

What the Tigers have done offensively — and will try to do — is run the football. As a team, Missouri is averaging 243.7 yards on the ground per game. Less than two weeks ago, the Tigers were averaging 219 rush-

Corby D. Roberts



Missouri's running game goes through Brock Olivo who has experienced some rough times this season.

PRESS PICKS

• Mike Babcock, *Huskers Illustrated*

Missouri has the unenviable task of having to play in Lincoln again this season. The Tigers played some close games in Memorial Stadium during the 1980s, but they haven't had much luck there in the 1990s. They've lost four games by a combined score of 238-34.

The last three games in the series, one of which was played at Columbia, have been even more lopsided, with a combined score of 148-14. This is a different season, of course. But the result will be about the same, give or take a touchdown. That figures out to (approximately):

Nebraska 50, Missouri 3.

• Todd Henrichs, *Grand Island (Neb.) Independent*

The Tigers haven't had much for Nebraska in recent meetings. Why should this year be any different?

Nebraska 56, Missouri 6.

• Kyle Svec, *Hastings Tribune*

Missouri may be a little improved over the past few years, but that won't matter. The Huskers have regained their focus and won't let the Tigers get in their way.

Nebraska 66, Missouri 7.

• Scott Franzke, *Prime Radio Sports*

Hey Huskers, wait until basketball season. Then we'll show you how it's done.

Nebraska 52, Missouri 10.

ing yards.

It's tough to key on one individual to shut down the Tigers' ground attack. Backup tailback Devin West, a sophomore, leads the team with 444 yards rushing in Missouri's first seven games. Quarterback Corby Jones is next with 442 yards, first-string tailback junior Brock Olivo has 423 yards and fullback Ernest Blackwell has 284 yards.

Blackwell plays behind Ron James, who has 120 yards rushing on only 32 carries this fall.

Missouri also goes two-deep at quarterback. Kent Skornia is the team's leading passer, throwing for 606 yards in seven games. Jones has only attempted 62 passes, but has 327 yards through the air.

Depth is one of Missouri's strengths, according to Smith. "That's a character thing," he said.

When the Tigers do pass, wide receiver Rahsetnu Jenkins usually is a primary target. He has 21 receptions for 306 yards in seven games. The Tigers' other starting receiver, Eddie Brooks, has 12 catches for 185 yards and two touchdowns. Tight end Bill Lingerfelt has just six catches.

Smith said Missouri's biggest improvement may be up front. The Tigers have four returning starters on the offensive line — left tackle Travis Biebel, left guard Mike Morris, center Russ Appel and right guard Cliff Smith. Sophomore Todd Neimeyer starts at right tackle, while redshirt freshman Rob Riti splits time with Smith at right guard.

"I think it's three things: number one would be experience; number

two would be development — they've just gotten better, become better blockers, which basically goes along with experience; and number three is execution of the offense," Smith said of the Tigers' line.

"We're doing the same things now in the run game, 90 percent of what we were doing last year. What we wanted to mold, when we made our change into the running game a year ago in the middle of the season, I think is happening."

The Tiger defense has also been tough, especially against the pass. Strong safety Terrence Binion, who backs up Caldrinoff Easter, leads the team with two interceptions, while starters Shad Criss (at cornerback), DeMontie Cross (at free safety) and Clayton Baker (at cornerback) have each intercepted one pass this fall.

Smith said Cross is the leader of the group, and gives him free rein in the secondary.

"We let him freelance, and normally you don't want to do that because you can get burned," Smith said. "His freelances have been pretty good freelances. He's got a good feel for the game."

Linebackers Joe Love and Darryl Chatman, both returning starters, have played well in Missouri's 5-2 base defense. Love had 21 tackles in his first five games of the season, while Chatman had 13.

The Tigers' top lineman is tackle



University of Missouri

Free safety DeMontie Cross can cover receivers and is not afraid to hit his opponent.

Brian Cracraft, who had 17 tackles in his first five games, including three for loss and one sack. Nose guard Donnell Jones also has three tackles for loss and a sack. Sophomore Justin Wyatt and junior Kevin Ford start at ends, while Jeff Marriott, a redshirt freshman, is the Tigers' starting guard.

Kicker Mark Norris hasn't gotten many opportunities to show off his leg, but he was perfect in his first six field goal attempts this fall. His longest is 46 yards. He has also connected on 19 of 20 extra point tries.

Punter Vince Sebo, a freshman, is averaging 46.9 yards per kick. His longest is 82 yards. ■

NEBRASKA VS. MISSOURI TWO-DEEPS

HUSKER OFFENSE

SE	5	Brendan Holbein	5-9	190	Sr
	6	Kenny Cheatham	6-4	210	So
LT	77	Adam Treu	6-6	300	Sr
	73	Fred Pollack	6-4	305	Jr
LG	75	Chris Dishman	6-3	310	Sr
	63	James Sherman	6-2	300	Fr
C	67	Aaron Taylor	6-1	305	Jr
	59	Josh Heske	6-3	280	Jr
RG	64	Jon Zatechka	6-2	290	Jr
	62	Matt Hoskinson	6-1	280	Jr
RT	70	Eric Anderson	6-4	300	Jr
	78	Kory Mikos	6-5	295	Sr
TE	90	Tim Carpenter	6-3	250	Jr
or	34	Vershan Jackson	6-0	234	Jr
QB	7	Scott Frost	6-3	215	Jr
	11	Matt Turman	5-11	185	Sr
FB	28	Brian Schuster	5-11	225	Sr
	45	Joel Makovicka	5-11	230	So
IB	*30	Ahman Green	6-0	210	So
	*21	Damon Benning	5-11	210	Sr
WB	25	Jon Vedral	5-11	205	Sr
	14	Lance Brown	5-11	190	So
PK	35	Kris Brown	5-10	200	So

TIGER DEFENSE

G	93	Jeff Marriott	6-5	262	Fr
	92	Eric Douglas	6-5	259	Sr
NT	97	Donnell Jones	6-4	266	Jr
	92	Eric Douglas	6-5	259	Sr
T	59	Brian Cracraft	6-3	249	Jr
	94	Steve Erickson	6-4	254	Fr
E	90	Justin Wyatt	6-4	251	So
	56	Shawn Sundall	6-2	228	Jr
BLB	30	Kevin Ford	6-1	230	Jr
	51	Sam Jouse	6-2	221	Jr
SLB	43	Darryl Chatman	6-1	245	Sr
	66	Al Sterling	5-11	239	So
WLB	45	Joe Love	6-2	220	Sr
	38	Paul Schmanke	6-0	199	Fr
HB	5	Shad Criss	5-10	173	Jr
	24	Carlos Posey	6-0	185	Fr
FS	9	DeMontie Cross	6-4	209	Sr
	22	Harold Piersey	6-2	183	So
SS	1	Caldrinoff Easter	5-10	186	So
	12	Terrence Binion	6-3	187	Jr
CB	8	Clayton Baker	5-10	176	Sr
	21	Randy Potter	5-10	175	So
P	17	Vince Sebo	6-1	225	Fr

TIGER OFFENSE

XR	87	Eddie Brooks	6-1	204	So
	84	Kent Layman	5-11	185	Fr
LT	61	Travis Biebel	6-4	275	Jr
	57	Craig Heimburger	6-3	293	So
LG	62	Mike Morris	6-3	285	Jr
	78	Mike Silliman	6-5	290	Fr
C	50	Russ Appel	6-3	270	Sr
	63	Steve Haag	6-1	286	Sr
RG	76	Rob Riti	6-3	265	Fr
	65	Brian Shaw	6-5	264	So
RT	69	Todd Neimeyer	6-5	280	So
	64	Chris Meredith	6-5	275	So
TE	85	Bill Lingerfelt	6-4	249	Sr
	96	Mitch Henderson	6-3	256	Jr
QB	7	Corby Jones	6-1	216	So
	18	Kent Skornia	6-4	199	So
FB	34	Ron James	6-3	255	Jr
	33	Ernest Blackwell	6-3	249	Jr
TB	27	Brock Olivo	6-1	210	Jr
	32	Devin West	6-2	217	So
ZR	2	Rahsetnu Jenkins	6-2	173	Sr
	81	Jay Murchison	6-1	188	Jr
PK	16	Mark Norris	6-3	186	Sr

HUSKER DEFENSE

LRE	93	Jared Tomich	6-2	260	Sr
	57	Chad Kelsay	6-3	230	So
DT	97	Jeff Ogard	6-6	300	Sr
	99	Jason Wiltz	6-3	295	So
DT	55	Jason Peter	6-4	285	Jr
	74	Scott Saltsman	6-2	270	Sr
RRE	98	Grant Wistrom	6-5	250	Jr
	84	Mike Rucker	6-6	250	So
SLB	28	Jamel Williams	6-2	205	Sr
	46	Brian Shaw	6-0	215	Fr
MLB	44	Jon Hesse	6-4	250	Sr
	56	Jay Foreman	6-1	225	So
WLB	43	Terrell Farley	6-1	205	Sr
	91	Ryan Terwilliger	6-5	225	Sr
LC	20	Michael Booker	6-2	205	Sr
	12	Mike Fullman	5-7	170	Sr
FS	16	Eric Stokes	5-11	185	Sr
	3	Eric Warfield	6-1	195	Jr
ROV	10	Mike Minter	5-10	190	Sr
	4	Octavious McFarlin	5-11	195	Jr
RC	22	Ralph Brown	5-11	180	Fr
	26	Jerome Peterson	5-7	185	Fr
P	19	Jesse Kosch	6-0	185	Jr

Depth charts were compiled Nov. 3, 1996 and may change before game time. # = duplicate number * = injured, but probable for game

NU Handles OU With Three Shutout Quarters

Jared Tomich paid his respects to Jason Peter as the two passed each other in the cramped quarters that served as an interview area, following Nebraska's 73-21 destruction of Oklahoma.

Peter is amazing, or words to that effect, not only because of his ability but also because he has been "playing with one hand," Tomich said, loud enough for everyone to hear.

The Cornhuskers' junior defensive tackle has played with his right hand in a cast, since suffering a broken bone (the fifth metacarpal) in the Texas Tech game.

"We were worried when he broke the hand that he might not be the same player," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "But he didn't miss a beat."

By **MIKE BABCOCK**

You might say, Peter has shown he can whip the opposition with one hand tied behind his back.

GAME RECAP

You also might say, that's how Nebraska (one) handed Oklahoma its worst defeat ever. The Cornhuskers did it, at least for a while, with one hand tied behind their backs.

To understand this metaphor, consider Nebraska's two hands to be offense and defense. For most of the first half last Saturday, it appeared the former was tied behind Nebraska's back. "The first half, we were bad on offense," Osborne said.

The Cornhuskers certainly used their free hand (i.e. defense) to good advantage, though. To say defense was the key to a 73-21 victory might not make much sense. But that didn't stop Osborne from saying it.

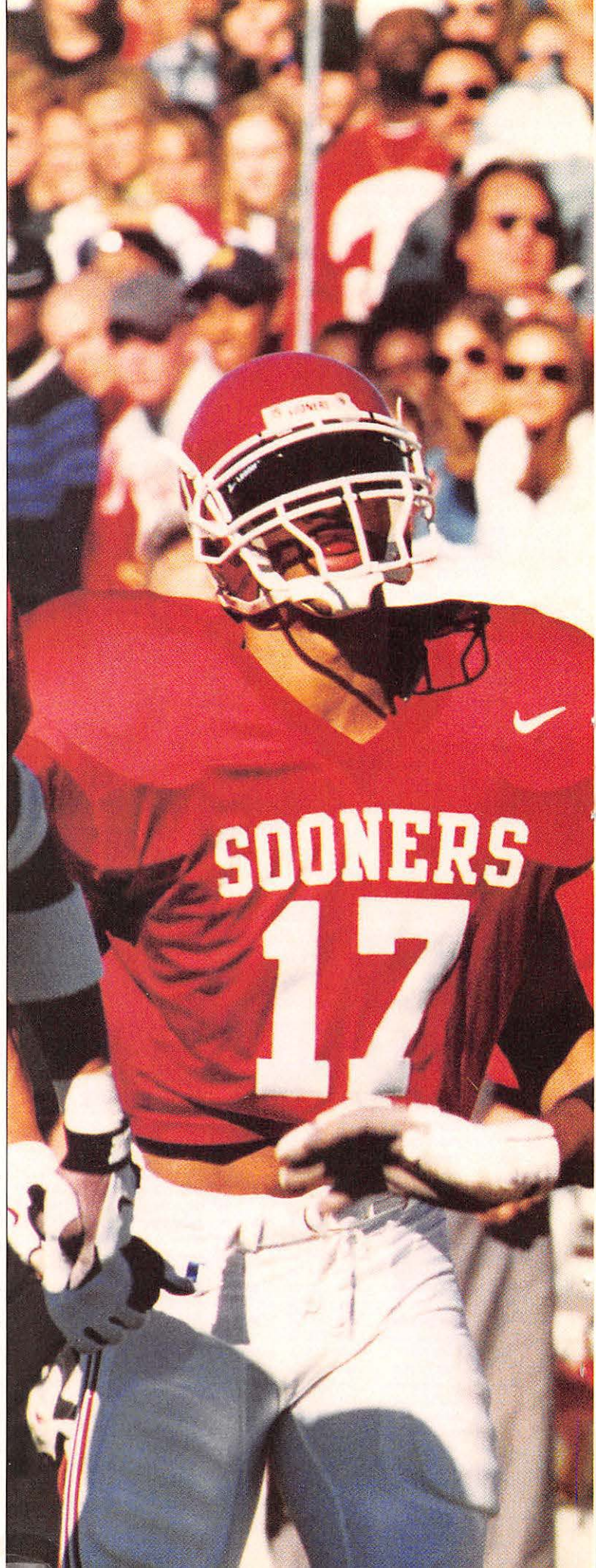
For three quarters, Nebraska's defense dominated the Sooners. Oklahoma had 89 yards, including 63 rushing, and trailed 45-0 going into the fourth quarter. It wasn't until the reserves took over completely, after a 51-yard pass play from Scott Frost to Jeff Lake made the score 52-0, that the Oklahoma salvaged some self-respect.

The Sooners' DeMond Parker, a redshirted freshman from Tulsa, Okla., ran for 144 yards and three touchdowns in the final period.

"We'll get them in practice on Monday," Peter said of the defensive back-ups.

"If they're put in the game, we expect them to do the same thing we do . . . because they're only an

Jay Sims led the Huskers in rushing with a 98-yard, two touchdown fourth-quarter performance.



Oklahoma game photos by Harry Lentz, Jr.





injury away from being in there (earlier)."

Maybe they're only an injury away. On the other hand (no pun intended), maybe they're not. A broken hand wasn't enough to force Peter to yield his position to a back-up.

Oklahoma probably would have preferred he had. On the game's first play from scrimmage, he sacked Justin Fuente for a 7-yard loss. And on the third play, he hit Fuente as the redshirted freshman quarterback released a pass, which fell harmlessly incomplete.

"I'd say we got in his head," Peter said. "He's young . . . I don't really think he's had a defense come after him like we did today."

That set the tone. Almost immediately, the Sooners "started to question themselves," said Peter.

Nebraska's offense also was a little puzzled early on. At the end of the first quarter, the Cornhuskers had minus-7 yards rushing, one first down and 7 total yards.

The situation hadn't improved much by halftime. But at least, the rushing yardage was a plus 31 net, thanks in large part to Damon Benning's 11-yard run on the next-to-last play from scrimmage before intermission.

The problem was, "Oklahoma didn't play the standard 4-3 (defense) we'd seen," Osborne said. "They used a little different defen-

sive alignment than we were ready for. We were sort of searching the first quarter."

Among other things, the Sooners were using man-to-man rather than zone pass coverages. Nebraska figured that out by the second quarter. But the Cornhuskers didn't make all of the adjustments until halftime.

A more productive second half provided Nebraska with statistics commensurate with 73 points: 387 total yards, including 208 rushing.

For the second week in a row, Frost threw for three touchdowns. He completed 10-of-22 passes, with one interception, for 163 yards.

"We showed how potent our offense can be," said wingback Jon Vedral, who caught four passes for 49 yards and one of the touchdowns.

The others were to Lake, the 51-yarder, and Lance Brown, who made an acrobatic flip in scoring on a 41-yard play late in the third quarter.

Brown's touchdown came six minutes after freshman cornerback Ralph Brown's 83-yard touchdown return of an intercepted Eric Moore pass.

"I kind of ran out of gas at the 15-yard line," Ralph Brown said. But Jamel Williams and Terrell Farley were there to help with blocks.

The touchdowns by Brown and Brown increased Nebraska's lead to 31-0 and eliminated any suspense there might have been for a crowd of 75,004 that included an estimated

Jared Tomich got into OU quarterback Justin Fuente's head early and NU effectively shut the Sooners down for three quarters.

12,000 Cornhusker fans. Several sections of the stands were shaded red instead of maroon.

The south end zone stands, in particular, were awash in Nebraska red, stretching all the way from field level to the massive scoreboard.

After tackling Sooner running back James Allen for a 5-yard loss on the second play of the fourth quarter, Nebraska rush end Grant Wistrom faced the south stands and punched his fist, adding an enthusiastic exclamation point to the defensive effort.

The teams played a real estate agent first half. It was all about location, location, location.

Oklahoma faced unfavorable field position from the get-go. The Sooners never advanced beyond their own 38-yard line in the first half, and 20 of their 29 snaps, not counting punts, were from inside their own 20-yard line. Seven were from inside their 10.

The defense was responsible for the first 10 points. Kris Brown's 25-yard field goal midway through the second quarter was set up when Chad Kelsay recovered a fumbled punt at the Oklahoma 17-yard line, and a touchdown by I-back DeAngelo Evans followed three

plays after a pass interception and return to the Oklahoma 19 by middle linebacker Jay Foreman.

Foreman's interception was one-handed. "It's hereditary, I guess," said Foreman, the son of former NFL running back Chuck Foreman. "My dad used to make catches like that. I just wanted to get a hand on it."

On the play before Evans scored the first of his two touchdowns, tight end Vershan Jackson carried a Frost pass to the 1-yard line. It appeared Jackson fumbled before he hit the ground. The officials ruled otherwise, however, nullifying what would have been an Oklahoma recovery. "The fumble was a big turning point of the game," said Sooners coach John Blake.

Turning point? It would have delayed the inevitable is all. "Once we got on track, we were pretty much unstoppable," said Frost.

Starting I-back Ahman Green scored Nebraska's second touchdown, on a 4-yard run, late in the first half. But Green again was hampered by a turf toe injury and watched the second half from the sideline.

Junior Jay Sims, the No. 4 I-back, carried seven times for 98 yards and two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, as Nebraska matched Oklahoma point for point after taking the 52-0 lead on the Frost-to-Lake pass.

A reporter from an Oklahoma television station asked Osborne if

he had intended to run up the score, by allowing Frost to throw a long pass on his final play of the game.

"I don't think so," Osborne said. "It was very early in the fourth quarter. They were crowding us . . . we didn't try to embarrass them. I hope people don't read anything into that. Maybe it was something I shouldn't have done. If so, I apologize."

Blake didn't ask for an apology from Osborne, and he didn't make any apologies for his own team. "We have a lot of work ahead of us rebuilding this football program," he said.

Parker represents hope for the future, scoring his touchdowns on runs of 34, 17 and 51 yards against the Cornhusker reserves. But each time he scored, Nebraska responded.

Sims scored from 1 yard out, after setting himself up with a 49-yard run. After Parker's second touchdown, Sims ran 22 yards for a touchdown. And after Parker's third touchdown, Kenny Cheatham returned the kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown with 28 seconds left.

"We thought the kicking game might be worth 10 to 14 points," said Osborne. "Oklahoma has had a history of problems in that arena."

Osborne also thought, based on Oklahoma's recent play, "it could be anybody's ballgame" Saturday.

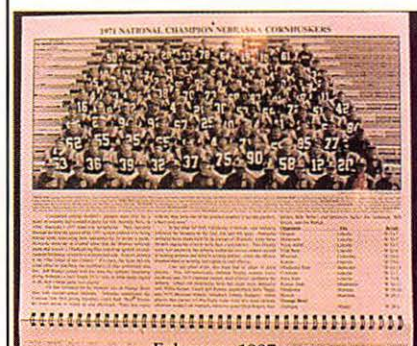
Really, it wasn't. "When you look at the final score, it's kind of amazing," Osborne said.

Particularly when you consider that for the first 30 minutes, Nebraska was playing with one hand tied behind its back . . . so to speak. ■

DeAngelo Evans' 1-yard dive into the end zone during the second quarter was the first of nine more NU touchdowns.



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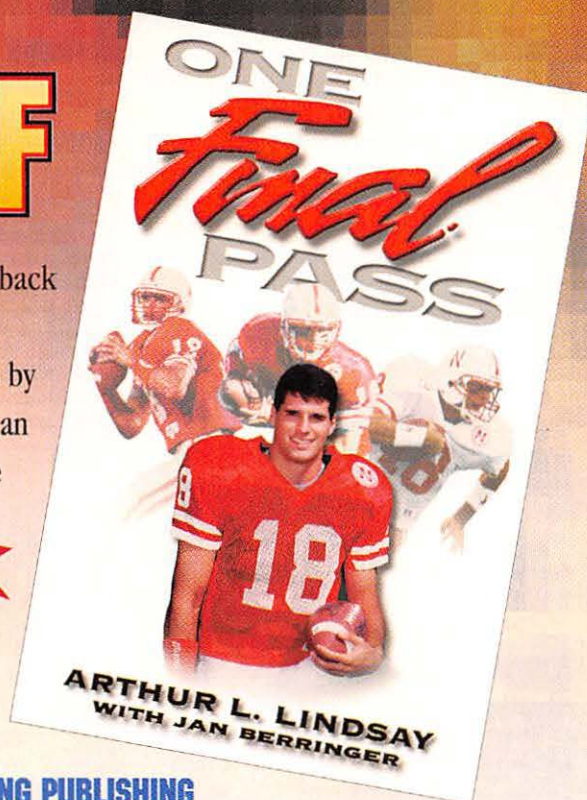
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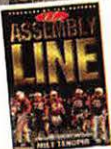
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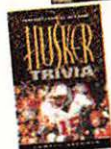
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Fallen And Can't Get Up

Because of Nebraska's swarming defense, Oklahoma was put in a hole it could never crawl out of in 73-21 loss

By MIKE BABCOCK

How the mighty have fallen: 73-21. When Nebraska and Oklahoma play, "you can throw the records in the garbage," Cornhusker defensive tackle Jason Peter said.

He was right about that.

Nebraska rewrote Oklahoma's record book last Saturday, in a game watched by representatives from the Sugar Bowl... or men wearing blazers with Sugar Bowl logos, anyway.

OK. They were reps.

With each passing week, the Cornhuskers draw closer to a Sugar Bowl bid, which would seem to be assured if they beat Colorado on Nov. 29 and win the first Big 12 championship game at St. Louis on Dec. 7.

Missouri and Iowa State also stand in Nebraska's way. But given what it did to Oklahoma, a loss in the next two weeks is highly unlikely.

The Cornhuskers' 73 points were the most ever scored against Oklahoma, which has played since 1895.

The previous high was 59 points, put up by Kansas State in 1969. Until this season, that was the only time an Oklahoma team had given up as many as 50 points in a game. It had happened twice before Saturday.

San Diego State hung 51 points on the Sooners (51-31), and Kansas scored 52 (52-24), the previous high against Oklahoma at home.

"I never thought anybody could put up 73 on Oklahoma," Cornhusker rover Mike Minter said.

Minter, a senior, is from Lawton, Okla. In his four seasons, Nebraska has outscored Oklahoma 144-31.

"I've never lost to these guys," said Minter. "I can go home and hold my head high."

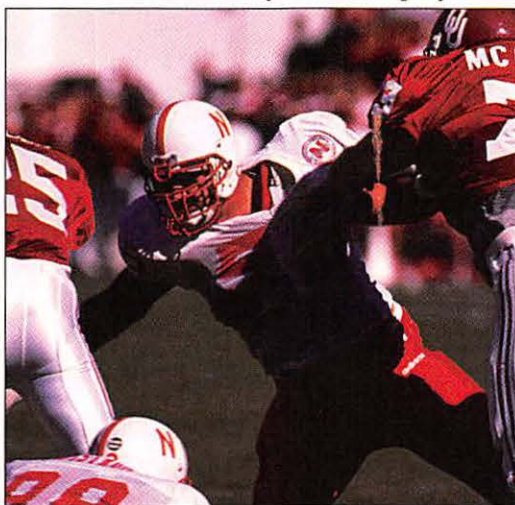
Saturday's game was the only one in which he played at Owen Field. Two years ago, when the Cornhuskers defeated Oklahoma 13-

3 on their way to Osborne's first national championship, Minter was sidelined by a knee injury.

"This was most definitely special," Minter said.

Minter contributed an interception to Nebraska's seventh victory, his fourth of the season. Jay Foreman, Eric Warfield and Ralph Brown also intercepted passes. Brown returned his 83 yards for a touchdown.

The true freshman from Hacienda Heights, Calif., is a veteran by now. That was the case "three or four weeks ago," Minter said. "I could see it in his eyes: 'I can play with



Oklahoma had no answer for senior Jason Peter, who had a team high six tackles.

these guys.' We're pretty happy with his progress."

It has been sink or swim for Brown, according to Minter. "When he sinks, we're there to help him. When he doesn't (sink), we're out there to congratulate him," Minter said.

It's mostly the latter of late.

Brown is holding his own, on a defense that is determined to write its name in the record book.

"We want to pitch shutouts every time we play. We want to be the greatest defense that's ever played at the college level," Minter said.

Nebraska had a shutout Saturday until midway through the final period, when the Sooners' DeMond Parker scored his first of three touchdowns.

Parker's touchdown ended a string of 27 quarters in which Nebraska had not allowed a rushing touchdown.

The 34-yard run was the longest against the Cornhuskers this season.

Peter was among those concerned about the late-game breakdowns, even though they occurred against back-up players. "The first team played great, so did the second team. But you have to be consistent the whole game through," said Peter, who led Nebraska with six tackles, including one sack. He also deflected the pass Minter intercepted.

The defense learned a lesson in the 19-0 loss against Arizona State in the second game of the season, said Foreman. "Ever since the Arizona State game, the defense has really tried to set the tone, that we're going to dominate the game, three-and-out every series. We want to show we're going to try to do that every game."

In the last five games, the Cornhuskers have forced the opposition to go three-and-out on 38 of 74 possessions. Since the Arizona State game, Nebraska has outscored six opponents by a combined 313-50.

Tired of numbers yet? The victory was Nebraska's sixth in a row against Oklahoma, equaling the longest winning streak for the Cornhuskers in the series. Nebraska also won six in a row from 1930 to 1936.

Peter had extra incentive to play well against the Sooners. "This is supposed to be a big game for the Peter brothers," he said. "Christian had his 'coming out party' against Oklahoma as a sophomore. He always played well against Oklahoma."

Jason played well on Saturday. And helped the Cornhuskers rewrite some records that have lasted a long time in the process. ■



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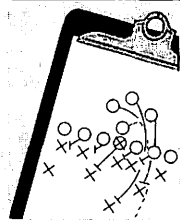


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NEBRASKA	0	17	28	28	73
OKLAHOMA	0	0	0	21	21

TEAM STATS

	NU	OU
First Downs	20	16
Rushing	12	8
Passing	8	4
Penalty	0	4
Rushing Attempts	51	41
Yards Gained Rushing	238	242
Yards Lost Rushing	30	53
Net yards rushing	208	189
Net yards passing	179	86
Passes attempted	25	22
Passes completed	12	8
Had intercepted	1	4
Total plays	76	63
Total net yards	387	275
Avg. gain per play	5.1	4.4
Fumbles-lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties-yards	6-80	9-53
Punts-yards	6-252	10-425
Avg. per punt	42.0	42.5
Possession time	30:46	29:14

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

NEBRASKA						
Player	Solo	Asst	TT	Sacks	Int.	
Peter	4	2	6	1	0	
Tomich	4	1	5	2	0	
Wistrom	3	1	4	0	0	
Farley	3	1	4	0	0	
Hesse	3	1	4	0	0	
Rucker	3	0	3	0	0	
Jackson	2	1	3	0	0	
Minter	2	1	3	0	1	
Foreman	2	0	2	0	1	
Brown	1	0	1	0	1	
Warfield	1	0	1	0	1	
OKLAHOMA						
Player	Solo	Asst	TT	Sacks	Int.	
Peters	5	4	9	0	0	
White	4	3	7	0	1	
Tanner	5	1	6	0	0	
Manuel	2	3	5	0	0	
Simpson	1	4	5	0	0	
Gregg	2	2	4	0	0	
Justice	2	2	4	0	0	
Allen	2	1	3	0	0	
Fogle	2	1	3	0	0	
Chase	1	0	1	1	0	

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

NEBRASKA					
Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Sims	7	98	14.0	49	2
Evans	13	36	2.8	9	2
Benning	6	26	4.3	11	0
Frost	8	14	1.8	10	0
Mackovicka	3	14	4.7	12	0
Turman	1	9	9.0	9	0
Green	9	5	0.6	4	1
Schuster	3	5	1.3	4	0
Wiggins	1	2	2.0	2	0
OKLAHOMA					
Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Parker	13	153	11.6	51	3

PASSING

NEBRASKA				
Player	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	
Frost	10-22-1	163	3	
Turman	2-2-0	16	0	
Perino	0-1-0	0	0	
OKLAHOMA				
Player	Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD	
Fuente	6-15-3	68	0	

FIELD GOALS

NEBRASKA			
Player	Att	Made	Distance
Brown, K.	1	1	25
OKLAHOMA			
Player	Att	Made	Distance
Alexander	2	0	41, 46

RECEIVING

NEBRASKA					
Player	Rec	Yds	APC	Lng	TD
Vedral	4	49	12.3	18	1
Lake	2	58	29.0	21	1
Jackson, V.	2	16	8.0	10	0
Brown, L.	1	41	41.0	41	1
Cheatham	1	9	9.0	9	0
Green	1	5	5.0	5	0
Evans	1	1	1.0	1	0
OKLAHOMA					
Player	Rec	Yds	APC	Lng	TD
Allen	3	14	4.7	6	0
Little	1	27	27.0	27	0
Parker	1	13	13.0	13	0

PUNT RETURNS

NEBRASKA					
Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD
Wiggins	5	42	8.4	13	0
McFarlin	1	4	4.0	4	0
OKLAHOMA					
Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD
Jackson	3	1	0.3	3	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

NEBRASKA					
Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD
Cheatham	1	85	85.0	85	1
OKLAHOMA					
Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD
Daniels	5	53	10.6	20	0
Jackson	3	42	14.0	22	0

1996 SEASON STATS

(8 GAMES)

RUSHING

Name	G	Att	Yds.	YPG	Tds.
Green, A.	7	111	533	76.1	5
Evans, D.	7	71	449	64.1	8
Benning, D.	7	68	393	56.1	6
Frost, S.	8	81	303	37.9	6
Sims, J.	6	33	251	41.8	3
Shuster, B.	7	37	117	16.7	1
Makovicka, J.	6	17	111	15.9	0
Turman, M.	7	14	91	13.0	1
Cobb, J.	4	11	42	10.5	1
Perino, J.	3	1	28	9.3	0
Eicher, C.	2	2	18	9.0	0
Kingston, B.	4	9	10	2.5	0
Legate, B.	2	3	8	4.0	0
Wiggins, S.	7	1	2	0.3	0
Cheatham, K.	4	1	-16	-5.3	0

PASSING

Name	G	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	Tds.
Frost, S.	8	66-131-3	50.3	1,012	3
Turman, M.	7	9-17-0	52.9	126	1
Perino, J.	4	0-2-0	0.0	0	0

RECEIVING

Name	G	No.	Yds.	YPC	YPG	Tds.
Vedral, J.	8	14	234	16.7	29.3	1
Holbein, B.	8	13	220	16.6	27.5	3
Green, A.	7	9	93	10.3	13.3	0
Jackson, V.	7	7	115	16.4	16.4	2
Cheatham, K.	4	5	92	18.4	23.0	1
Jackson, S.	5	4	48	12.0	9.6	2
Evans, D.	7	4	13	3.3	1.9	0
Lake, J.	4	4	101	25.3	25.3	1
Shuster, B.	7	3	74	24.6	10.6	0
Brown, L.	4	3	85	28.3	21.3	1
Wiggins, S.	7	2	30	15.0	4.3	0
Wills, A.	2	1	19	19.0	9.5	0
Edwards, J.R.	3	1	10	10.0	5.0	0
Legate, B.	2	1	9	9.0	4.5	0
Wieting, S.	2	1	6	6.0	3.0	0
Makovicka, J.	6	1	3	3.0	0.5	0
Benning, D.	6	1	-1	-1.0	-0.2	0

FIELD GOALS

Name	G	Att.	Good	Long
Brown, K.	8	13	9	50

DEFENSE

Name	G	UT	AT	TT	Int.	Sacks
Williams, J.	8	24	40	64	1	4
Hesse, J.	8	25	37	62	0	2
Wistrom, G.	8	21	23	44	1	7.5
Peter, J.	8	13	23	36	0	4
Foreman, J.	8	10	22	32	1	0.5
Farley, T.	6	13	19	32	0	1
Minter, M.	8	8	20	28	4	0
Tomich, J.	8	11	16	27	0	5
Stokes, E.	7	12	12	24	0	0
Rucker, M.	7	14	9	23	0	6.5
Kelsay, C.	7	9	11	20	0	2.5
Ogord, J.	7	8	12	20	0	1
Booker, M.	7	6	13	19	1	0
Warfield, E.	8	7	10	17	2	0
Terwilliger, R.	7	4	11	15	0	0
McFarlin, O.	8	5	9	14	0	0
Wiltz, J.	8	2	12	14	0	1
Brown, R.	8	8	4	12	3	0
Shaw, B.	6	5	6	11	0	1
Fullman, M.	7	6	4	10	0	0
Jackson, J.	4	3	7	10	0	0.5
Toline, T.	4	3	6	9	0	0
Saltsman, S.	6	0	9	9	0	0
List, G.	7	7	2	9	1	0
Ortiz, T.	4	2	4	6	0	1
Brown, M.	6	5	1	6	1	0
Walther, E.	4	3	3	6	0	0
Peterson, J.	4	3	2	5	0	0
Allen, D.	3	3	2	5	0	2
Johnson, E.	4	1	3	4	0	0
Warren, S.	4	1	3	4	0	0.5

TEAM STATISTICS

Total Offensive Yards	3,473	1,877			
Net Rushing Yards	2,335	673			
Passing Yards	1,138	1,204			
Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
NU	41	125	118	84	368
Opponents	16	27	7	33	83

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Record	(Conference)	7-1 (5-0)
Sept. 7	Michigan State	W, 55-14
Sept. 21	@ Arizona State	L, 19-0
Sept. 28	Colorado State	W, 65-9
Oct. 5	@ Kansas State	W, 39-3
Oct. 12	Baylor	W, 49-0
Oct. 19	@ Texas Tech	W, 24-10
Oct. 26	Kansas	W, 63-7
Nov. 2	@ Oklahoma	W, 73-21
Nov. 9	Missouri	
Nov. 16	@ Iowa State	
Nov. 29	Colorado	

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Rushing To The End

Huskers hope they have another Tomich or Wistrom in Iowa linebacker Kyle Vanden Bosch

We haven't reached December yet, and already the Cornhuskers' 1997 recruiting class is being called a smashing success. Through the early going, the Huskers'

early commitments rank with those of Ohio State, Penn State, Notre Dame and Michigan.

Nebraska recently picked up its ninth commitment, from **David Volke** (6-foot-5, 260 pounds, 4.8 in the 40-yard dash) of Battle Creek, Neb. Volke is considered one of the top offensive guard prospects in the Big 12 area, and he said he was just waiting for the Huskers to offer a scholarship.

"I have always wanted to go to Nebraska, and (I) was going to commit to them as soon as they offered," Volke said. "Kansas State, Kansas and Wyoming were talking to me quite a bit, but I wasn't going anywhere, as long as Nebraska wanted me. In my opinion, Nebraska has the

best program in the country, and when it comes to offensive linemen, no other school comes close to the tradition that Nebraska has put together."

Nebraska's run on linebackers is one big reason why their early recruiting commitments are so highly-regarded.

Kyle Vanden Bosch (6-3, 235, 4.6)

of Inwood (West Lyon), Iowa, heads the list of early linebacker commitments for the Huskers. Actually, it may not be fair to list Vanden Bosch as a linebacker, since he's being recruited by the Huskers to play their fabled rush end position.

"One of the big reasons why I committed to Nebraska was that they recruited me to play rush end," Vanden Bosch said. "This is a position that I will enjoy playing, and it's an honor to try to follow in the footsteps of Grant Wistrom, Jared Tomich and Trev Alberts."

Vanden Bosch can bench 330 and squat 470, and he doubles as a full-back, rushing for 1,328 yards last season. Rated as one of the nation's top 100 players, Vanden Bosch has missed one game this season with a separated shoulder, but still is on pace for another 1,000-yard season and over 100 tackles.

Vanden Bosch said he fell in love with Nebraska at their summer camps, and decided to try to avoid the recruiting rush by committing early. "I wanted to avoid some of the in-state recruiting pressure, because I knew I was going to go to Nebraska, and I didn't want to drag things out," Vanden Bosch said. "Both Iowa and Iowa State were beginning to put some pressure on me back in the summer, and in some ways they still are. However, they know I am not going to change my mind, and (they) have backed off quite a bit. I know what is best for me, and you can't beat Nebraska,



**By
JAMES
HALE**



Kyle Vanden Bosch is expected to play rush end at Nebraska.

RECRUITING

which is the best football program in the country."

In many ways, **Jamie Burrow** (6-2, 215, 4.8) of Ames, Iowa, plays in Vanden Bosch's shadow, but not in the eyes of the Huskers. Burrow is regarded as the second-best line-backer in Iowa (behind Vanden Bosch), but is so talented that the Huskers offered him a scholarship at the same time they offered one to Vanden Bosch.

The Huskers love legacy players, and Burrow's father, Jim, played at Nebraska, and then played for five years in the Canadian Football League. The younger Burrow made quite a mark for himself with 125 tackles a year ago, three sacks, five tackles for losses and one interception. He's on pace to better those totals this year, and he said it wasn't a hard decision to leave Iowa for a great program like Nebraska's.

"It really wasn't hard at all," Burrow said. "My dad coached at Iowa State, so I knew a lot about their program, and Iowa State or Iowa just don't match up with Nebraska in any way."

After two older brothers walked on at Nebraska, **Mark Vedral** (6-1, 200, 4.7) of Gregory, S.D., will be the first in the family to start out on scholarship. Both Jon and Mike eventually earned scholarships at Nebraska, and contributed to Husker success. The youngest Vedral said he expects to do the same.

"My older brothers have had great times playing at Nebraska, and I wanted to be a part of that," Vedral said. "I think I will start out on the defensive side of the ball, but I really don't care, because I like fullback, too."

One of the biggest prizes on the national scene is **Courtland Ballard** (6-3, 210, 4.55) of Miami (Southridge), Fla.

Ballard has exceptional speed. The Huskers are on the fringe in this recruiting war, but they have a shot if Syracuse, Florida State, Ohio State, Florida or Penn State slips. **Alex Brown** (6-4, 220, 4.6) of Jasper (Hamilton), Fla., is another great one out of the Sunshine State, and he reportedly has a bigger interest in the Huskers than does Ballard. Brown had over 100 tackles a year ago (67 solo) and is said to be considering Tennessee, Florida State, North Carolina, Auburn and Nebraska.

Pernell Griffin (6-2, 219, 4.7) of Williamston, N.C., and **Jermaine**

Petty (6-3, 218, 4.5) of Chapman, S.C., come out of the Atlantic area.

Griffin made 119 tackles with 12 sacks a year ago, and reportedly is looking at North Carolina as his early leader, with Nebraska, East Carolina, Miami and North Carolina State also in the running.

Petty is a little better athlete, and said he will visit Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina, Nebraska and East Carolina.

Reggie Hayward (6-3, 220, 4.5) of Dolton (Thornridge), Ill., made 31 solo tackles with eight sacks last year. He needs to work in the weight room, but he can run, and that's what the Huskers look for at this point. Hayward said Michigan is his top choice, followed by Nebraska,

Michigan State, Penn State, Texas and Illinois.

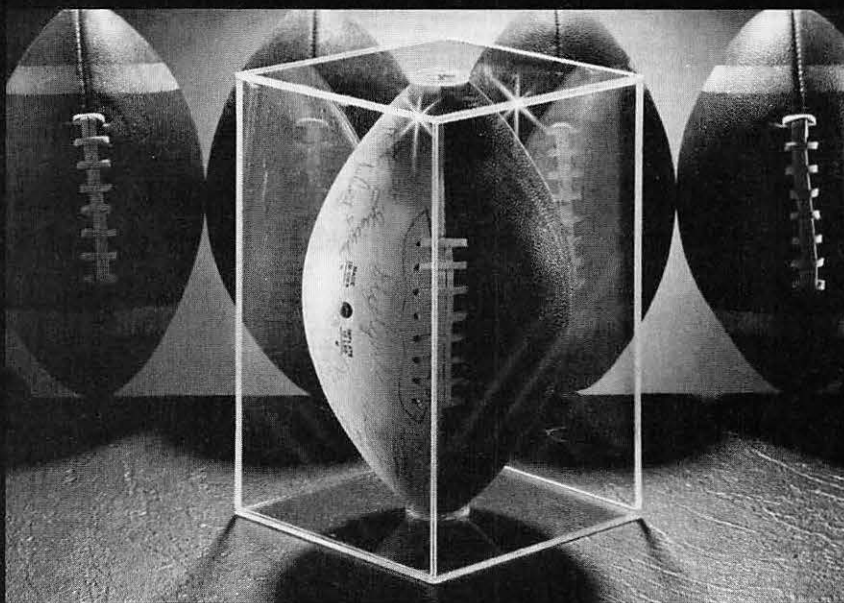
In the West, **Ty Gregorak** (6-3, 245, 4.75) of Spokane (West Valley), Wash., probably will grow into a defensive end or defensive tackle in college.

He has said he is considering Colorado, Stanford, Nebraska, Ohio State and Arizona State.

Finally, the Huskers have an outside shot at **Grant Irons** (6-5, 230, 4.6) of The Woodlands, Texas.

Irons is considered the best line-backer in Texas, and he said he's taken an interest in Nebraska lately, but he lists Notre Dame, Michigan, Ohio State, Texas A&M, Northwestern, Texas and Oklahoma, as well. ■

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HURDLES AHEAD

There will be roadblocks early, but both returners and freshmen don't plan on being slowed in their quest for the NCAA tournament

When a basketball team loses three starters, it usually goes into a season talking about rebuilding.

In the case of the Nebraska women's basketball team, however, talk is only of building on something that is strong, and destined to stay that way. "Actually, there is a lot of talk about simply building on what we started," said Nebraska junior guard Anna DeForge. "The focus this summer was to get into great shape and keep our strength up. We have goals that we want to achieve."

"The talent level is there at every position, so we're very excited."

Excited isn't usually a term that would apply to a team that lost 41 percent of its offense. Gone are dominant center Pyra Aarden and guards Kate Galligan and Lis Brenden. Aarden and Galligan each

averaged over 11 points per game last season, while Brenden averaged over six points.

But the element that those three leave with the Huskers is the knowledge of how to be successful. The remaining Huskers feel good about last season's 19-10 record and NCAA regional berth. They don't see any reason why those things can't be accomplished again with the tools they possess.

"We certainly don't look upon this season as a rebuilding season," Husker coach Angela Beck said. "We have enough experience back that I see it more as restructuring."

DeForge, along with senior forward Tina McClain, are the returning starters, and they were the Huskers' leading scorers last season. DeForge averaged 14.5 points, McClain

13.8 points.

While DeForge recognizes that the pressure on her and McClain will be immediate, even the younger players will be expected to produce

immediately. "I don't have any predictions, but I will say that our expectations are high," DeForge said. "I think we will build quickly, and in a lot of ways, we will do even better than we did last year. But we have to keep doing things right, and keep working hard."

The Huskers will look to senior guard LaToya Doage, junior guard Jami Kubik and junior center Emily Thompson to fill the voids left by graduation losses. According to Beck, all three are capable scorers, while Thompson might be one of the Big 12 Conference's best utility players.

Doage, who averaged 4.5 points per game last season, is expected to step into the guard spot vacated by Brenden, while Kubik, a two-time Phillips 66 Academic All-Big Eight selection, should be the front-runner at the No. 2 guard spot. Add to that the experience of Kate Benson, a 6-foot-3 sophomore, and the Huskers,

Tina McClain (left) and Anna DeForge (right) will once again be expected to carry the majority of the scoring load.

HOOPS

who finished third in the conference last season, have instant depth.

Last season, Nebraska boasted an experienced unit and proved it quickly by racing out to an 11-2 record. The run included big wins over Michigan (70-59), North Carolina (81-75) and Oklahoma (79-58). The Huskers struggled in late-season losses against perennial powerhouses Kansas and Kansas State, but they stunned Colorado at home and beat Missouri twice to earn an NCAA tournament bid.

Nebraska's 1996-97 campaign appears to provide even more of a challenge. The Huskers open with a road trip to Illinois State on Nov. 22, host the CableVision Classic, which includes St. Louis, Cal-Poly and Bucknell, and then hit the road again to play Pacific and Iowa in the Big Kona Classic in Kona, Hawaii.

According to Beck, the youthful Huskers may run into roadblocks early, but thanks to the solid nucleus of returnees and an excited freshman class, the hurdles should be cleared. "What I refuse to do is talk about how well we're going to do," Beck said. "But our philosophy is that our freshmen are going to help us. The cornerstones are set. The freshmen simply need to come in and contribute."

Beck landed a respectable recruiting class, including Naciaka (Cisco) Gilmore of Tulsa, Okla. Gilmore, a 6-foot forward who played four different positions during her high school career, averaged double figures in both points and rebounds her senior season at Will Rogers High.

Joining Gilmore will be Charlie Rogers of South Sioux City, Neb.; Brooke Schwartz of Gering, Neb.; and Jami Kubik's younger sister Nicole, a 5-foot-10 guard from Cambridge, Neb.

McClain, one of Beck's appointed floor leaders, points out that no freshman class truly knows what to expect coming into big-time college basketball. But it appears that this class isn't letting its reputation get too far out of hand.

Beck believes that the Big 12, especially the North Division which includes highly ranked Colorado and Kansas, should be one of the toughest conferences in the nation. "If we can stay tough throughout the season and stay in the top two or three in our division, I think things will work out well for us," Beck said. "I sincerely believe that the Big 12 could have seven teams in the (NCAA) tournament this year." ■

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TO THE RESCUE

TONIA TAUKE wasn't asking for the world in her first season with the defending national champion Nebraska volleyball team. She just wanted to know that she could make a difference.

Mission accomplished.

Tauke, a 6-foot-3 freshman middle blocker, has been calm, cool and collected, as well as effective in leading a new group of players who have been pressed into heavy action this season.

"The very first game I went in, my goal was not to get nervous and just play as hard as I could," Tauke said recently. "I guess I brought energy to the team, and now, I'm bringing blocks and kills when we need them. I don't have a huge role, but I know I have an important role."

The Huskers have taken advantage of a solid recruiting class to help revitalize an injury-plagued team. In all, they have suffered through injuries to five underclass players in a two-season span.

Tauke, who spent the summer in a cast because of a stress fracture in one of her toes, has helped to alleviate some of the depth concerns for coach Terry Pettit. "I tried not to have too many big expectations, especially about myself," said Tauke. "I knew that I had to start somewhere."

"I know I started really shaky at the beginning. I never really thought I'd be playing, or at least playing so much. I just got out of a cast, and I hadn't played in so long. I was worried about how I was going to do, and I didn't want to let anyone down. I knew that our team needed a lot of depth."

Tauke, a communications major, handled the pressure masterfully. A four-year letterwinner in basketball and a three-year letterwinner in volleyball at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Tauke has been getting better each week. Her eight block assists against Texas A&M on Oct. 18 in Lincoln helped propel the Huskers to a hard-fought, 3-1 victory over the 11th-ranked Aggies.

Tauke's 11 block assists against Michigan State in early September set an NU Coliseum record for a five-game match. As of Oct. 24, Tauke was leading the team in kill

**Behind Tonia Tauke,
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• By Mike Friend

percentage (.346) and was second on the team in blocks, with an average of 1.50 per game. "She has done a real good job," Pettit said.

"She has great vision. She probably has as good of vision as we've ever had in a middle blocker. She reads really well. I think for her to take the next step is her strength. She is not a dynamic player at this point, and we're going to continue to work hard during the season on it."

"But I think the great strides are to be made in the off-season, with the strength crew. She certainly is comfortable being in the match at big points, and I'm very pleased with the progress she's made."

It is somewhat of a new phenomenon that Pettit and the rest of the Husker coaching staff expect so much from their freshmen. Tauke, along with the rest of her class, has valuable junior division volleyball experience that freshmen from the Midwest weren't used to having years ago.

"One of the reasons we're playing so well is because Tonia, Jaime Krondak, Megan Korver, Kim Crandall,



Early in the season, freshman Tonia Tauke led the team in kill percentage (.346) and was second in blocks with a 1.5 per game average.

Denise Koziol, Lisa Reitsma . . . all these people played with and against each other in junior ball," said Pettit. "I think on next year's team, 11 of our 13 scholarship players basically either played on the same junior team or against each other. This is an advantage California schools had 15 years ago. The better players all knew each other. They had been playing together, so they came together quickly."

Pettit hesitates to crown Tauke "Ruler of the Court" just yet, however.

"She needs to be a little more active, meaning in transition. We need to be able to get her the ball more," Pettit said. "Some of that is the rest of the team. But a lot of it is Tonia."

"She needs to be more athletic. But she has certainly done the job to this point."

Tauke knows she had problems at the beginning of the season, but admitted that Pettit and the rest of the Husker staff helped her get over any apprehension she might have had about playing major college volleyball. "He has confidence in me and that helps," Tauke said of Pettit.

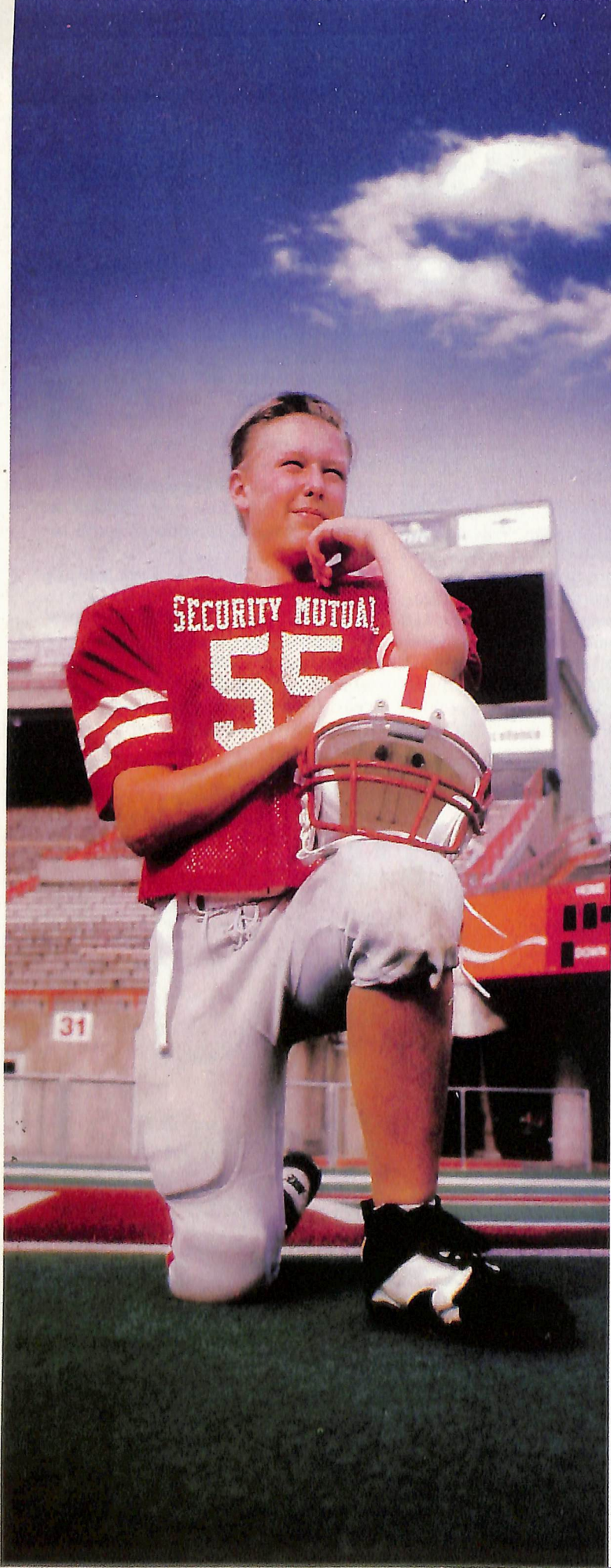
"Before we even played a game, he told me that he knew I wasn't afraid to go into a game. I told my roommates that I hoped I wouldn't have to play because I just didn't feel like I was ready. But just when he said that, I thought he was right. Why should I be afraid?"

Tauke said that Pettit wasn't the only one who expected quick results from her on the court. A history of athletic and academic successes has created a certain degree of confidence about her abilities. People close to Tauke expected her to play. They expected her to excel. Especially her parents.

"I don't think they were surprised at all. I think they expected it," said Tauke. "It seems like all my life they have been supportive like that. I just feel everything I've done has been expected, and I want to do something exciting . . . like rob a bank."

She was just joking, of course. Tauke admits that she will just settle for the excitement of Husker volleyball. "My parents just like Nebraska volleyball, whether I'm playing or not," she said.

"It's an exciting place to be." ■



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TOMMIE FRAZIER'S No. 15 jersey was retired by Nebraska in a ceremony prior to the kickoff of the Kansas game at Memorial Stadium. Frazier is the 11th Cornhusker to be so honored.

The others, including their jersey numbers, are: Tom Novak (60), Johnny Rodgers (20), Mike Rozier (30), Trev Alberts (34), Dave Rimington (50), Dean Steinkuhler (71), Zach Wiegert (72), Will Shields (75), Larry Jacobson (75) and Rich Glover (79).

Frazier led Nebraska to back-to-back national championships. His career record as a starter was 33-3, and he finished as the Cornhuskers' career total offense leader, despite missing seven games because of blood clot problems during his junior season in 1994. He also set school career records for touchdown passes (43), rushing touchdowns by a quarterback (36) and total touchdowns (79).

He was a consensus All-American and finished second to Ohio State running back Eddie George in voting for the Heisman Trophy in 1995. He was the first Cornhusker to win the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, presented annually to the nation's top collegiate senior quarterback.

Q&A With TOMMIE FRAZIER

Question: Is your football career as a player done?

Tommie Frazier: Only time will tell. I'm not going to say that it's done when there's the possibility I could be playing again. What I have to do now is just take it one day at a time and not worry about what's going to happen in the future. A lot of people have asked me was I planning on retiring, was I planning on giving football up. I can't give them a true answer because I don't know myself.

Question: What is your health status, particularly as it relates to the blood clots?

TF: It's coming along. This isn't going to disappear quickly. It takes time. That's why I can't really assess whether or not I'll be playing next year. I have to just sit back and wait, see what happens. I'm still under contract. That's the good thing about it. I can be here and still get paid.

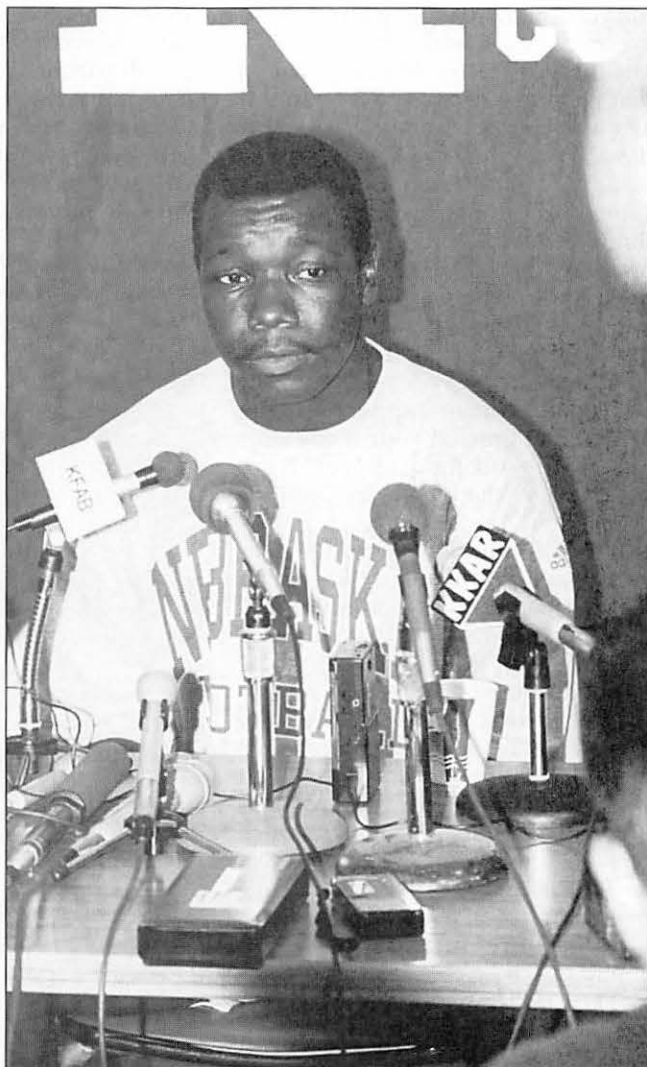
Question: You're under contract with the Montreal Alouettes?

TF: They're very understanding about my problem. They've always told me that no matter what happens, if I want to be there, fine. If I want to stay here and get healthy, fine. But I'm still part of the team. They're not going to push me back because of my injury. They understand I came back from it once, and I came back from it twice. So I can probably do it again. I talk to one of their coaches regularly.

They're very supportive. I played in three games, and I was on the

Frazier played in three games with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League this season before being hospitalized with pneumonia. He continues medical treatment and is now employed by Pinnacle Sports Productions, which is responsible for the Nebraska Sports Network.

The week of the Kansas game, Frazier met with reporters at a news conference in the South Stadium varsity lounge. These are his answers to some of the questions posed that day. The answers have been edited to eliminate repetition and to combine like subjects. The questions have been paraphrased.



verge of playing in more, but things happened. I went into the hospital and everything went downhill from there.

Question: Do you still think you might play in the National Football League?

TF: Right now, I don't think about it. I can't even think about being in the Canadian League. But who's to say? In the future, maybe next year, some team might come calling and say: 'Hey, we want to sign you' or 'We want you to come try out for our team.' If the opportunity comes and I'm healthy, and if the doctors

say it's OK for me to do it, then I will. If not, then I guess I'll be back here with you guys.

Question: Is it difficult watching Nebraska play and not wanting to be out there again?

TF: Actually, it's kind of a relief. Going to the Kansas State game, all I heard was: 'Tommie, we'll see if we have an extra uniform for you.' Some people walked up to me and said: 'I wish you were back out there playing.' My response is that good things come to an end. I'm just like you now. I'm a spectator. I have to sit back and enjoy it from the stands, which I'm trying to do. Of course, I'd like to be playing football. But as far as playing on the college level, my four years are up. I have to move on to better things, just hope that next year I'll be able to extend my career on the professional level.

Question: Have you thought what would have happened if the NCAA had granted your request for a hardship ruling after you were sidelined by the blood clot problem in 1994?

TF: If I would have gotten that year, maybe we wouldn't have won the first national championship. I'm just happy I was able to come back and be a big part of winning the championship.

When I first got back here, Mike Minter looked at me and said: 'Just imagine, if they'd have given that year back, you'd be out there playing with us now.' There's a lot of pros and cons about it. But you just have to accept what rulings people make and live with them.

Question: How are you when you're watching the Cornhuskers?

TF: I find myself yelling, throwing things at the TV. But I'm pretty sure everyone here does that, too. It's something that's out of my control. All I can do is be a fan, cheer for them when they're doing good and boo them when they're doing bad, just like everyone else does.

Question: Do you think you might be a distraction to the team now?

TF: I'm not around here enough to be a distraction. And when I do come around, I really don't hang out with the players. I might go up and hang around with Rick (Schwieger) and Jeff (Schmahl). I might hang out with Chris (Anderson). I might hang out with Chris Bahl. But I'm not really around the players as much as

people might think. This is their team. If I do talk to players, I just talk to my friends.

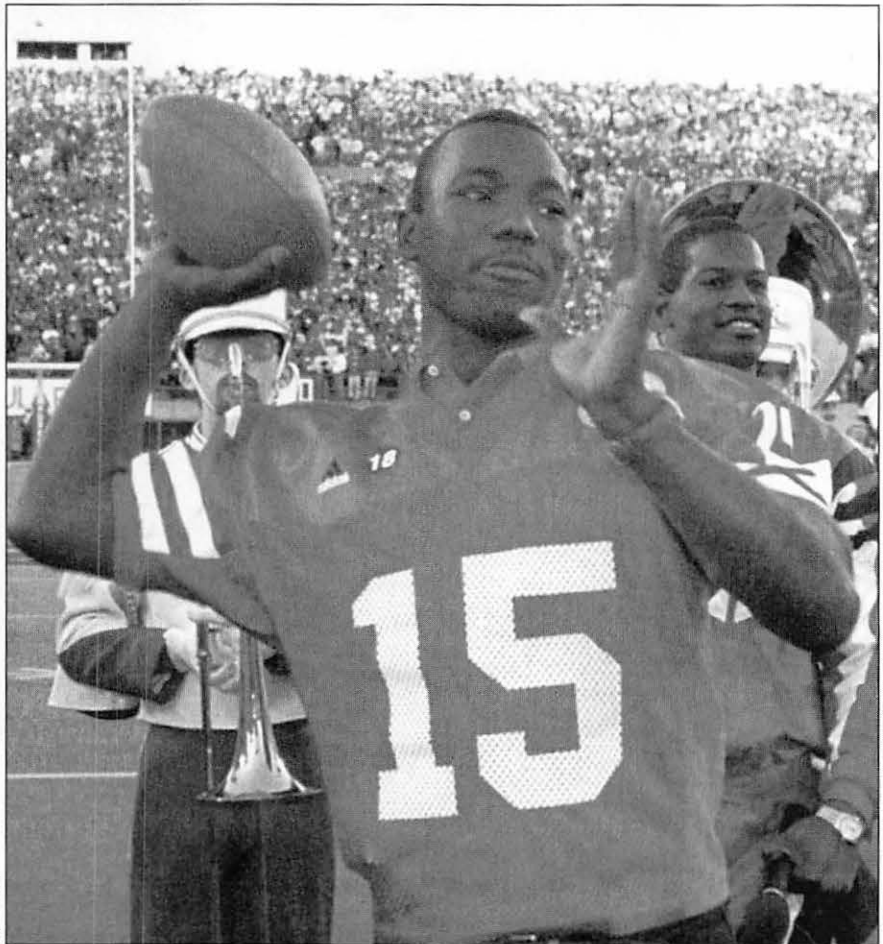


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Question: Have you talked to Scott Frost about playing quarterback at Nebraska?

TF: I haven't talked to Scott.

Frazier is only the 11th Nebraska football player to have his jersey retired.



That's one thing I try not to do. I try not to interfere with what he's trying to get done because it might intimidate him. I don't know. I just try to let him go out and play the way he knows how to play, let him do it his way. It's not my position to say anything to him.

Question: Have you been

impressed with Frost's toughness?

TF: That's one thing anybody appreciates, someone who goes out, takes his pounding and gets up for the next play. That's something I've always been a fan of.

Question: If you aren't able to play again, would you be interested in coaching?

Frazier: Right now, I haven't thought about it. But I would say it's a possibility. I'm still young, so I don't think I'd be able to coach guys who are just three years younger than me.

Question: When you were a player, you weren't all that interested in spending 12 hours a day or more around the football offices, the way coaches do. Has your attitude changed?

Frazier: At that time, I had a lot of options. Now, I don't have very many options. It's looking kind of

good now. Coaching is one of those things where, if that's the last option I have and it's going to keep me around football, then I'll welcome it with open arms, but I'm still young. I don't think someone my age is ready to go out and coach college guys, or high school kids. Maybe in the late 20s or early 30s, that's when

a guy is ready. If I was going to coach, that's probably when I would get into it.

I still have a lot of life to live as a young adult. I want to go out there and be able to just live that life without having any pressure putting early gray hairs on my head.

Question: Are you an option quarterback without options?

TF: Well, let's just say that's a good thing for me. I have limited options, but they're very good ones. So I'm happy with the options I have, and I'm going to make the most of what I choose to do.

Question: Do you plan to be more active in autograph signings and other promotional activities?

TF: Only time will tell. I plan on doing a lot more stuff, going out in the community, not necessarily for the money but just to get out there. I know there are still a lot of kids who enjoy what I did, who look up to me. So I feel it's an obligation for me to go out there, just be around and show that, hey, winners don't always get their goals or fulfill their dreams, but they still can be successful.

Question: Many people have accorded you legend status. Have you become a legend?

TF: I don't consider myself a legend. **From his first start as a freshman at Missouri in 1992 to his swan song performance in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl, Tommie Frazier posted a 33-3 record overall and four-straight Big Eight titles.**



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end. I consider myself a player who came here and played to the best of his ability and accomplished what he wanted to accomplish. I think legend status is what other people put on you. I'm not saying that I'm a legend. I'm still alive.

Question: What does having your jersey retired mean to you?

TF: It means a lot. It shows that everything I did is not going unnoticed. It shows me that I will always have a place in history here at Nebraska.

Question: Do you consider this a storybook ending to your Cornhusker career?

TF: I don't know. I'm pretty sure there could be something to end the story in a dramatic way. I guess I have to take it for what it is. I'm happy I was able to play for Coach Osborne and win a couple of national championships for him. I'm happy I made a lot of lifetime friendships.

And that's something any guy wouldn't mind having. So I guess I could say I'm very special to be able to put myself around people who are so warm, gentle and caring about me, not only as a football player but as a person.

Question: What would you like to say to Cornhusker fans?

TF: I'd like to say that it's been an honor; it's been my pleasure to come here and play four years for them and give them something that they've always wanted. I want to thank them for being so supportive of me, being behind me through the good times and bad times . . . and let me tell you, there were some bad times here. A guy just can't say too much about the fans. There are no fans like Nebraska's.

Question: Do you have a title with your new position at Pinnacle Sports Productions?

TF: Yeah, Tommie Frazier. ■



Bob Berry

BEST OF THE BEST

the numbers game

Jerseys 71-80

Editor's Note: This is the ninth of an 11-part series featuring our picks as the best players ever to wear each jersey number in the modern era. Next week we'll break down numbers 81 through 90.

Johnny Rodgers' 72-yard punt return for a touchdown early in the first quarter was among the most dramatic moments in the 1971 "Game of the Century" between Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Nebraska's 74-yard drive to the winning touchdown in the final minutes was another. Jerry Tagge directed it. And Jeff Kinney capped it from 2 yards out with 1:38 remaining on the clock.

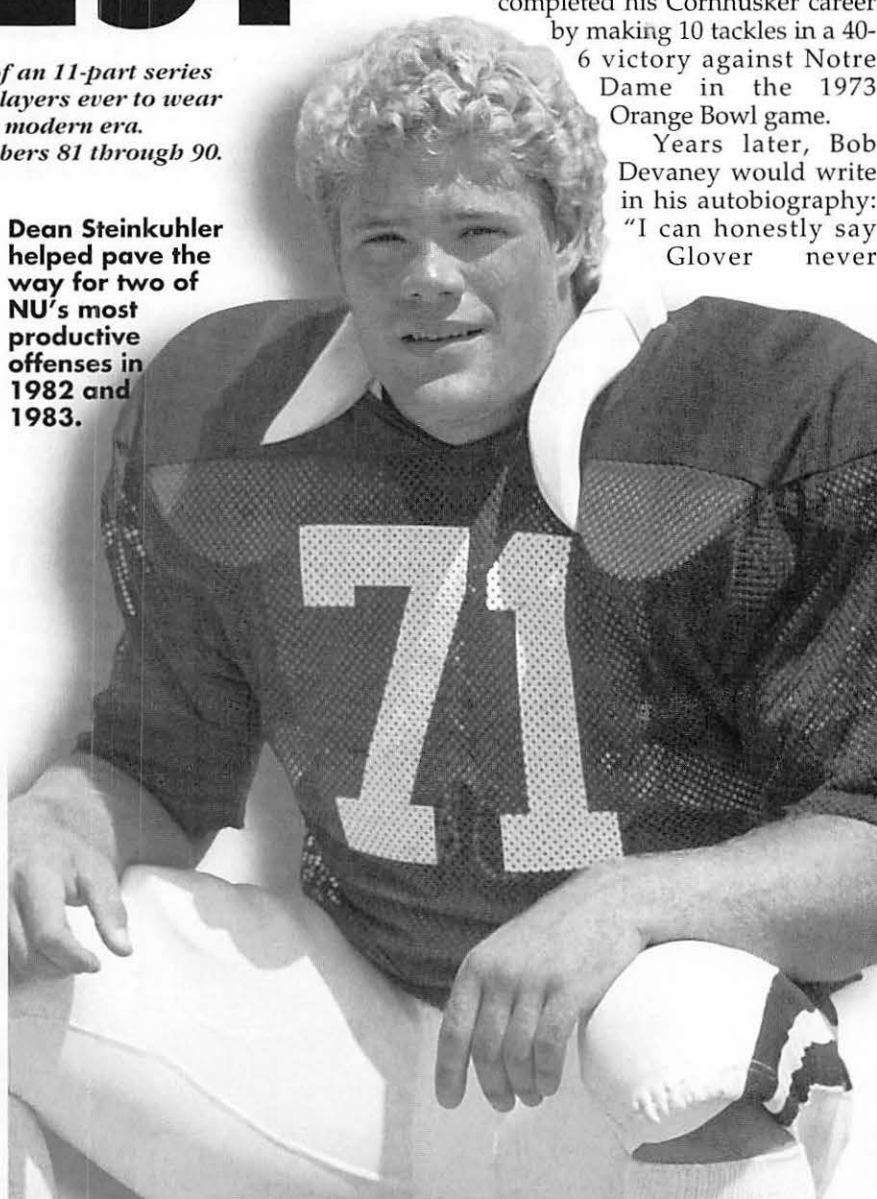
Those are among the first things most Cornhusker fans remember about the game that has come to define the Nebraska-Oklahoma rivalry. But Rich Glover's performance that afternoon in Norman, Okla., was equally remarkable — though, perhaps, slightly less memorable for many.

Glover, a junior middle guard whose size was once considered to be a detriment, made 22 tackles against the Sooners, despite lining up against All-American center Tom Brahaney.

The 6-foot-1, 234-pound Glover was a key to holding the nation's most productive offense sufficiently in check for Nebraska to have an opportunity to win with the Tagge-directed, final drive.

Appropriately, it was Glover who

Dean Steinkuhler helped pave the way for two of NU's most productive offenses in 1982 and 1983.



deflected Jack Mildren's fourth-down, desperation pass on Oklahoma's final possession of the game to secure the 35-31 victory for Nebraska.

Glover was at the heart of defenses that ranked fifth in the nation in 1971 and fourth in 1972. He was a two-time All-American and the first Cornhusker to win both the Outland Trophy and the Lombardi Award in the same season, achieving that rare double as a senior.

He was at his best in the biggest games. In addition to his extraordinary play during the "Game of the Century," Glover was chosen as the outstanding lineman in Nebraska's national championship-clinching, 38-6 victory against Alabama in the 1972 Orange Bowl game. And he completed his Cornhusker career by making 10 tackles in a 40-6 victory against Notre Dame in the 1973 Orange Bowl game.

Years later, Bob Devaney would write in his autobiography: "I can honestly say Glover never

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(1981-83)
Lloyd Voss (1961-63)

#72: Zach Wiegert
(1991-94)
Daryl White (1971-73)
Mike Fultz (1974-76)

#73: Kelvin Clark
(1976-78)
Marvin Crenshaw (1972-74)
Top choice in white (years lettered at Nebraska)

#74: Bob Newton
(1969-70)

#75: Will Shields
(1989-91)
Larry Jacobson (1969-71)
Larry Kramer (1962-64)

played a bad football game for us. He was always somewhere between outstanding and super."

And, more often than not, the needle on the meter was pointing toward super.

Glover, who was a reserve defensive tackle as a sophomore on the 1970 national championship team, still ranks 15th on Nebraska's career tackles list with 211, including 27 for losses of 131 yards. He was the best middle guard in college football during the 1970s, according to Devaney.

As such, Glover is an easy pick at No. 79 in this installment of "By the Numbers." Five other Cornhuskers have won Outland Trophies (Dave Rimington twice), and four of them wore jerseys with numbers between 71 and 80. In addition, this grouping includes 12 All-America players.

#71: Dean Steinkuhler

Also: Lloyd Voss

Dean Steinkuhler is another easy selection. He won the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award as a senior in 1983, after playing alongside Rimington for two seasons.

Steinkuhler came from Burr, Neb., which had a population of 110, making it the smallest town ever to produce a consensus football All-American. He played eight-man football at nearby Sterling High School. He divided his time between five positions, including fullback, during his prep career.

The 6-foot-3, 270-pound Steinkuhler earned the nickname the "Burr Oak." He helped open the way for two of Nebraska's most productive offenses. The Cornhuskers led the nation in rushing and scoring in both 1982 and 1983, when they also ranked second nationally in total offense (546.7). He was the second player chosen in the 1984 NFL draft (the first was Cornhusker teammate Irving Fryar).

Steinkuhler scored Nebraska's first touchdown in the 1984 Orange Bowl game, running 19 yards on the "fumblerooskie." The NCAA has since ruled the play illegal.

Lloyd Voss (1961-63) is among the other outstanding Cornhuskers who have worn jersey No. 71. The 6-foot-4, 247-pound tackle from Magnolia, Minn., contributed to Nebraska's immediate success under Devaney. Voss was a first-team all-conference selection as a senior.

#72: Zach Wiegert

Also: Daryl White, Mike Fultz

Nebraska led the nation in rushing in two of Zach Wiegert's three seasons as a starter at offensive tackle. In addition to winning the Outland Trophy in the 1994 national championship season, the 6-foot-5, 300-pound Wiegert was a consensus All-American and finished ninth in voting for the Heisman Trophy. He also was chosen by the UPI as the national "Lineman of the Year."

Wiegert was a three-time, first-team All-Big Eight selection. He started 36 consecutive games, beginning in his sophomore season, and allowed only one sack during his career. He came from Fremont, Neb., Bergan High and was a Cornhusker co-captain. His brother, Erik, also played at Nebraska.

Two other Nebraska All-Americans have worn jersey No. 72: offensive tackle Daryl White (1971-73) and defensive tackle Mike Fultz (1974-76). The 6-foot-4, 247-pound White came from East Orange, N.J., to earn All-America honors as a junior and senior. The Cornhuskers were able to stay close to home in their recruiting of the 6-foot-5, 270-pound Fultz, who played at Lincoln High.

#73: Kelvin Clark

Also: Marvin Crenshaw

Kelvin Clark was on the Texas Tech sideline when Nebraska defeated the Red Raiders 24-10 earlier this season in Lubbock, Texas. He is now Tech's strength coach.

Clark came from Odessa, Texas, to earn consensus All-America honors in 1978. He also was a first-team selection on the All-America strength team and twice was chosen as the Cornhusker football team's Lifter of the Year. Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne once described the 6-foot-5 Clark, who played at 275 pounds, as "possibly the best offensive lineman ever to play at Nebraska."

Clark was a first-round NFL draft pick. His

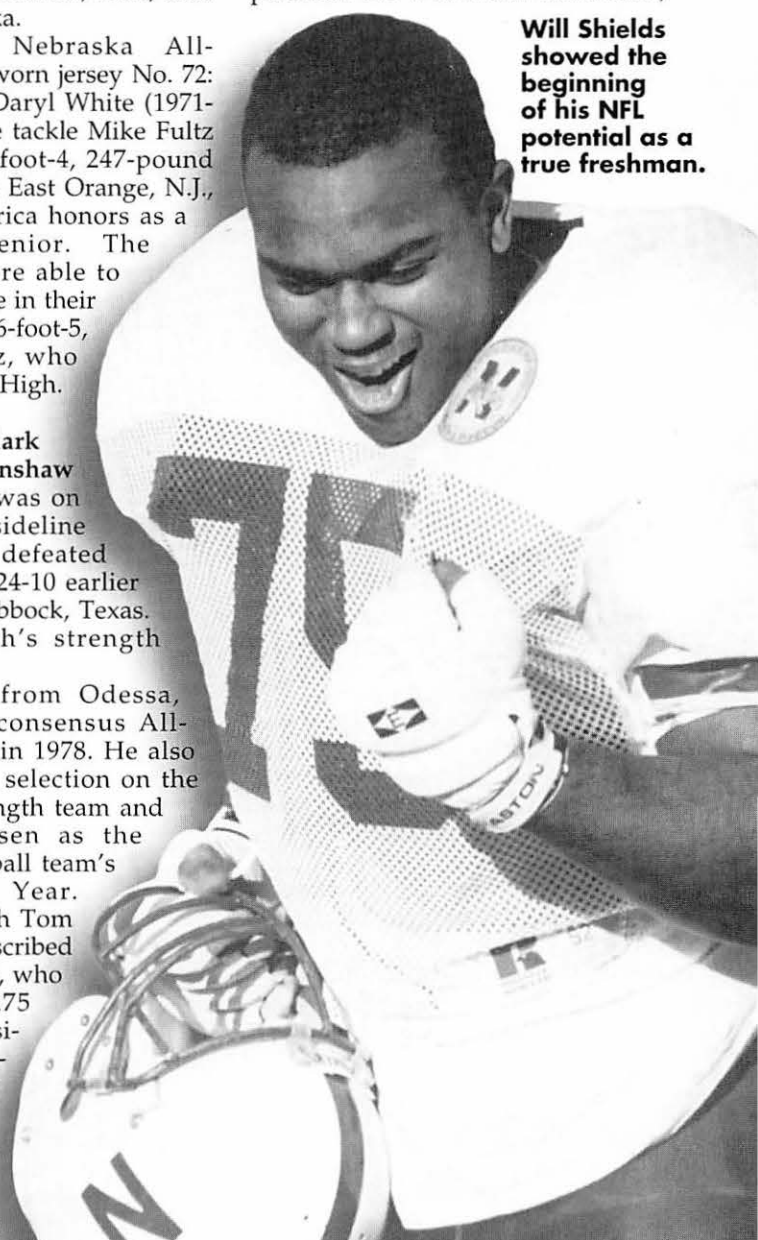
brother David was a Cornhusker defensive tackle.

Marvin Crenshaw, a 6-foot-6, 240-pound offensive tackle from Toledo, Ohio, is among others who have worn jersey No. 73. He wore it only as a senior, when he earned All-America honors.

#74: Bob Newton

Bob Newton was among the junior college transfers who played significant roles in turning around Devaney's program after 6-4 seasons in 1967 and 1968. He transferred from Cerritos (Calif.) Junior College and became a consensus All-America offensive tackle on the first national championship team. "Big Fig" stood 6-foot-4 and weighed 248 pounds. He was from LaMirada,

Will Shields showed the beginning of his NFL potential as a true freshman.



#76: Jerry Minnick
(1951-53)
Dave Walline (1969-70)

#77: Walt Barnes
(1963-65)

#78: Roland McDole
(1958-60)

#79: Rich Glover
(1970-72)

#80: Jamie Williams
(1964-66)
Donnie McGhee (1968-70)
Marvin Crenshaw (1972-74)

Calif. A third-round NFL draft pick, he played 10 seasons with the Chicago Bears and Seattle Seahawks.

#75: Will Shields

Also: Larry Jacobson, Larry Kramer
Will Shields edges Larry Jacobson for first mention here.

Shields capped an outstanding career as an offensive guard by winning the Outland Trophy in 1992. He was the first true sophomore to be chosen first-team all-conference since the two-platoon system was reinstated by the NCAA in 1965. Shields played in nine games as a true freshman, then earned first-team All-Big Eight honors in three consecutive seasons. He was a consensus All-American in 1992.

Shields came from Lawton, Okla. He was the first Oklahoman to play football at Nebraska, in fact. At 6-foot-1 and 305 pounds, he was extremely strong. He also was fundamentally sound.

Shields was a third-round NFL draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs in 1993. In addition to developing into an outstanding lineman for the Chiefs, he is extremely active in the community.

Jacobson was Nebraska's first Outland Trophy winner, in 1971. The 6-foot-6, 247-pound Sioux Falls, S.D., native was an aggressive pass rusher, who played on both of Devaney's national championship teams.

Larry Kramer (1962-64), an All-Big Eight tackle as a senior, is among other Cornhuskers who have worn jersey No. 75. Kramer is now an assistant coach at Kansas State.

#76: Jerry Minnick

Also: Dave Walline

Jerry Minnick stood out on Bill Glassford-coached teams that had a combined record of 10-18-2 over three seasons. Minnick was a 6-foot-3, 210-pound tackle from Cambridge, Ne. He was chosen first-team All-Big Seven for three consecutive seasons. Only 17 other Cornhuskers have earned first-team all-conference honors three times (Tom Novak was a four-time honoree).

Minnick earned All-America recognition as a junior in 1952. That was the best of the Nebraska teams on which he played, finishing with a 5-4-1 record. Minnick was a co-captain in 1953.

Dave Walline (1968-70) is among other Cornhuskers who have worn No. 76. The rugged, 6-foot-2, 238-

pound defensive tackle from Ypsilanti, Mich., was first-team All-Big Eight in 1970.

#77: Walt Barnes

Walt Barnes was a consensus All-American as a defensive tackle in 1965. He was a two-time, first-team All-Big Eight selection, earning a place as a middle guard his junior season.

Barnes, who was from Chicago, lettered as a back-up center on offense and made a name for himself on the kickoff team as a sophomore. He also backed up Lloyd Voss at defensive tackle.

Nebraska won three Big Eight championships and had a combined record of 29-4 during his three seasons. He was the Cornhuskers' leading tackler in 1965 and played seven seasons in the NFL.

Jim Raschke gets a mention here, even though his football career at Nebraska was brief and he didn't earn a letter. The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Raschke (from Omaha North High) was listed as a tackle as a sophomore in 1959, wearing jersey No. 77. He distinguished himself as a Cornhusker, however, in wrestling rather than in football, earning the conference heavyweight title.

Raschke went on to become "Baron Von Raschke" of professional wrestling fame.

#78: Roland McDole

The 6-foot-3, 232-pound Roland McDole came from Toledo, Ohio, to play tackle for Nebraska teams that had a combined record of 11-19 over three seasons.

McDole was a Cornhusker co-captain in 1960. He was a fourth-round NFL draft pick, after playing in the Blue-Gray and Coaches All-America all-star games. He had a distinguished professional career, playing 18 seasons, primarily with the Buffalo Bills and the Washington Redskins.

#79: Rich Glover

There is no certain measure of an athlete's heart. Glover received little recruiting attention as a high school player in Jersey City, N.J. Aside from Nebraska, about the only schools that showed any interest at all were New Mexico, Wyoming and Villanova, according to Devaney.

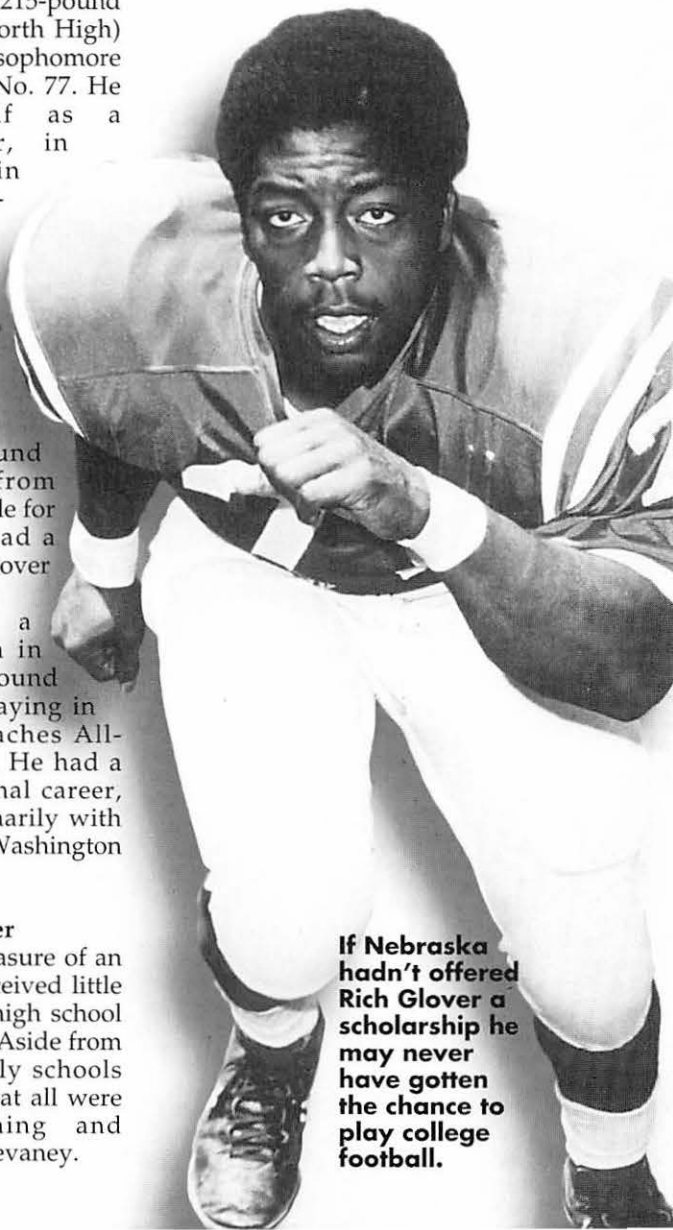
And none of them offered him a scholarship. "I know it's hard to believe, but Glover might not have played college football if we hadn't decided to recruit him," Devaney wrote in his autobiography.

#80: Jamie Williams

Jamie Williams was a two-time All-Big Eight tight end. He ranks 23rd on Nebraska's career receiving list, with 44 catches for 516 yards and seven touchdowns. Among Cornhusker tight ends, he ranks fifth, behind Jerry List, Junior Miller, Jim McFarland and Ken Spaeth. He's in good company.

Williams came from Davenport, Iowa, where he was a high school teammate of Roger Craig.

Among the other Cornhuskers who wore jersey No. 80 was Langston Coleman (1964-66), a defensive end who came from Washington, D.C., and was considered to be NU's first walk on. ■



If Nebraska hadn't offered Rich Glover a scholarship he may never have gotten the chance to play college football.

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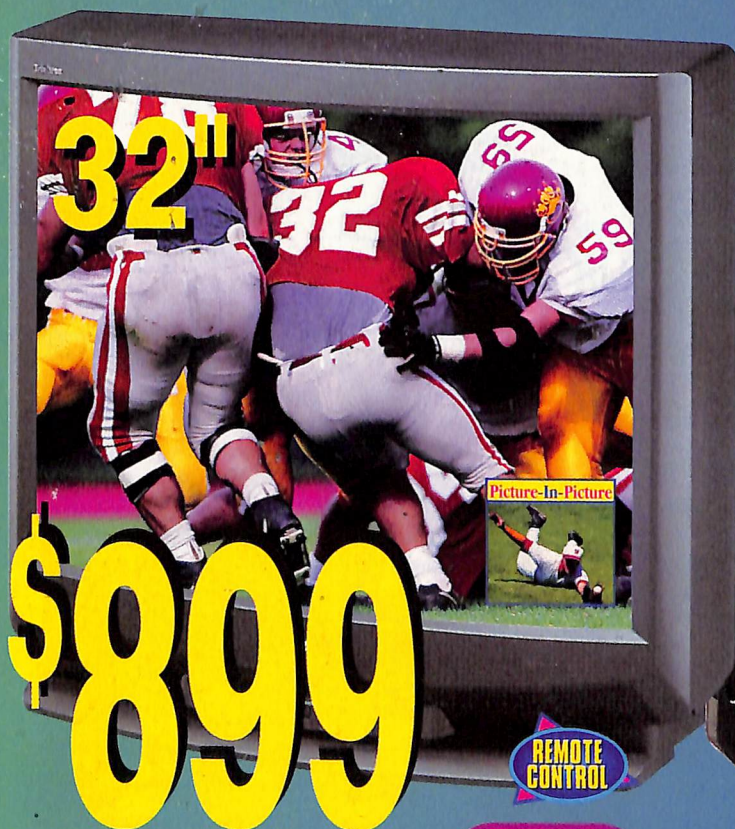
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